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Dear Maryville College Constituents,

Last April, Maryville College President Gerald W. Gibson announced his intention to retire effective May 31, 2010. It is fascinating to think that he is only the 10th president in the College's 190-year history. It is also amazing how far Maryville has come under Dr. Gibson's 17 years as president.

When a leader leaves an institution or organization in a stronger position than when he or she began, clearly that leader has been successful. One doesn't have to look long or hard to see that Maryville College has improved tremendously since Dr. Gibson was inaugurated in 1993. Alumni who visit the campus can see that the buildings and grounds look beautiful. I have also frequently heard comments from others (non-alumni) about how great Maryville College looks. This focus began with Dr. Gibson's vision that was implemented through campus beautification initiatives. But along with the enhancements seen visibly, this issue of *FOCUS* expounds on a myriad of improvements made under his presidency.

As the MC alumni association president, I have worked "up close and personal" with Dr. Gibson. Our college remains strong and vibrant because he spearheaded immense growth and progress. Since his first days in 1993, he has established a culture of strategic planning. Most importantly, he was the driving force in the development of a college community that strikes a distinctive balance between academic challenge and community spirit.

Dr. Gibson would be the first to acknowledge that Maryville College's progress would have never taken place without the dedicated and generous support from alumni and friends of the College. As a means of expressing our appreciation for Dr. Gibson's 17 years as president, I encourage you to make a gift to the Maryville Fund in his honor. This fund enables the College to sustain day-to-day excellence, which also characterizes Dr. Gibson's leadership. It is right and appropriate that we honor our president in this manner.

Attached in the center of this issue of *FOCUS* is a return envelope that makes it easier to make a Maryville Fund gift in honor of Dr. Gibson. You may also make a secure, online gift by visiting: maryvillecollege.edu/giving/maryville-fund.asp. If you have additional questions, please contact Eric Bellah, Maryville Fund Director, at 865.981.8225 or eric.bellah@maryvillecollege.edu.

My very best wishes to all of you, your families and your communities.
Go Scots!

Sincerely,
Don Hickman '70

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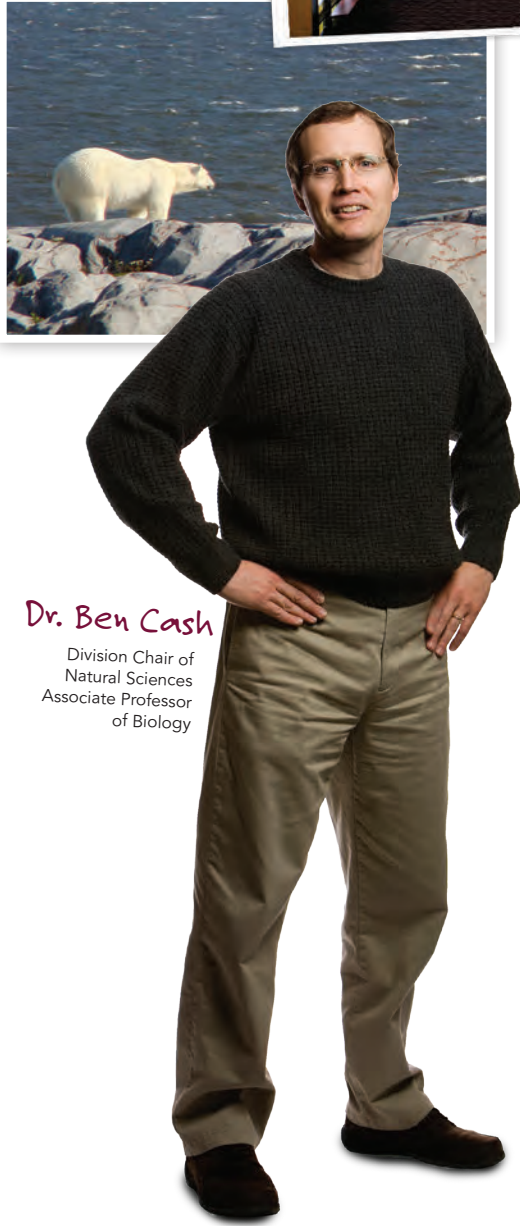
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In his 1993 inaugural speech, Dr. Gerald W. Gibson declared that Maryville College would have no less ambitious goal than to be, in the words of fifth president Dr. Samuel Tyndale Wilson, "the best possible college." Seventeen years later, Gibson reflects on his achievements and his tenure at Maryville.

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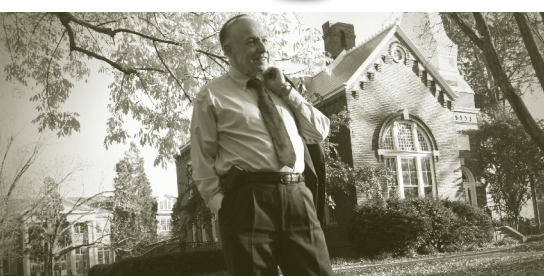
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ABOUT THE COVER: President Gerald W. Gibson enjoys a fall afternoon on the College's grounds. In the background are Thaw Hall and the Samuel Tyndale Wilson Center for Campus Ministry, which was restored during Gibson's tenure and remains one of his favorite buildings on campus.



GREETINGS *from* MARYVILLE COLLEGE!

Folks on the Maryville College campus know that I hold in special esteem **Dr. Samuel Tyndale Wilson (Class of 1878)**, Maryville's fifth president. In past issues of *FOCUS*, in convocations, in addresses to civic clubs, I have quoted liberally from his centennial history of the College. A hundred years ago Dr. Wilson was at the helm. He had been serving for nine years and would continue to serve for another two decades. His presidency was a time of transformation – in physical plant, in enrollment, in financial strength, in reputation – for Maryville. His successor, **Dr. Ralph Waldo Lloyd '15**, said about him: "It was under Dr. Wilson's leadership that [Maryville] developed from a good college and academy to a first-rank college."

"...I seem to hear faint strains of Bob Hope's old theme song, 'Thanks for the Memories,' wafting through my mind."

Dr. Wilson has been an inspiration to me during my own time of service. I am grateful to him for that inspiration and for his transformational work in the College I would, 63 years after his tenure, come to serve. I am likewise grateful to the many Maryville alumni with whom Rachel and I have visited across the country over the 17 years that I have been privileged to occupy the president's office. They have inspired me, too, as have the dedicated faculty and staff with whom I have served, and the thousands of students who have helped keep me feeling younger than my years.

These days I seem to hear faint strains of Bob Hope's old theme song, "Thanks for the Memories," wafting through my mind. I treasure memories of lunches with **Fred Young '37** at the Union League Club in Chicago, hearing stories of his time as a Maryville student during Dr. Lloyd's presidency, and of how he determined then to succeed in business, became a banker, wrote *How to Get Rich and Stay Rich*, and founded Wealth Watchers of America. **Mary Swain Wood '29** similarly enriched my life at every visit to her apartment in Dallas, where she told about her days selling *Dick and Jane* readers in Texas, and where she always voiced her love of Maryville and clearly had read every word of every College publication, *FOCUS* and others, that we mailed to her. I recall fondly the image of **Freeman Wyche** and **Donald Vandenberg**, classmates from the mid 1950s, who had not seen each other in half a century, embracing at Maryville's celebration of re-integration in October of 2008. There was the 50-year celebration, too, of the MC veterans – but not the winners – of the 1947 Tangerine Bowl, who received copies of the film of that historic battle, discovering that their recollections of the contest weren't totally accurate. So many memories...

I'll miss those visits with alumni, the lunch conversations with individual faculty and staff members, the campus Christmas dinners, the dedications of new buildings, the rhythm of the academic year, and especially the satisfaction of seeing freshmen mature into graduating seniors. But with retirement there will be opportunities to travel and write, and perhaps other opportunities that I can't yet foresee. *Good Start: A Guidebook for New Faculty in Liberal Arts Colleges*, which I published back in 1992, just before coming to Maryville, needs revision, and I want to get that done. Liberal arts education is intended to prepare people for lives of citizenship and leadership, a purpose just as valid today as it was in ancient Greece; I will be looking for new ways that I might contribute to that endeavor. My life has always been in God's hands, and we'll see just what that means for the retirement years.

It has been a true blessing to serve in the Maryville College vineyard. My thanks to all the readers of *FOCUS* who have followed the progress of the College over these last 17 years, and who have provided support and encouragement for the work here.

My years of service will fall short of Dr. Wilson's 29 years, coming to a total of 17 years as this academic year concludes. He was younger than I when he took office, but I will retire at exactly the same age he did. We will have at least that in common.



FALL 2009 ENROLLMENT *Reported*

For the fall 2009 semester, Maryville College administrators reported a total headcount of 1,103, indicating that the school experienced a slight increase in enrollment from the spring.

Dr. Gerald W. Gibson reported that enrollment was up from fall 2008 in the categories of freshmen, transfers, readmits and other new students. The president also reported that retention of students from the freshman to sophomore year was 75.1 percent – the highest retention rate for that population group in 11 years at the College.

Gibson called the overall report from Registrar **Martha Hess '67** “a reassuring one,” detailing that nearly 400 new students were on campus this fall, including 304 members of the Class of 2013. It is the third-largest incoming class in the modern-day history of the College.

Like many colleges and universities across the country, Maryville College faced economic challenges last year. Gibson cautioned the campus

against “assuming that the effects of last year’s storm have all blown over,” announcing that he and Cabinet members would be developing a multi-year enrollment plan to “get Maryville’s enrollment growth fully back on track.”

Like previous classes, the new freshmen carried strong academic credentials, including an ACT average of 24.4 and an average high school GPA of 3.51. Fifty-three percent of current freshmen ranked in the top 25 percent of their high school graduating classes.

Gender-wise, the Class of 2013 is fairly equal, with men making up 49 percent of the class and women making up 51 percent.

The majority of the class is from Tennessee, but 10 other states and one foreign country are represented.

Collectively, science, math and engineering, business and the humanities were among the Class of 2013’s top areas of academic interests.

MC JOINS VA'S *Yellow Ribbon* PROGRAM

Last spring, Maryville College signed on to participate in the United States Department of Veterans Affairs’ Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement Program, making a Maryville College education possible for men and women who joined the military after Sept. 10, 2001.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) determines the amount of each individual’s Yellow Ribbon benefits; however, Maryville College is committed to paying half of the tuition for each eligible veteran. The VA agrees

to pay a portion of the remaining amount (between 40 and 100 percent, based on the number of months of active duty).

At the time of the announcement, Maryville College’s Yellow Ribbon Scholarship, valued at \$15,000, was believed to be the most generous award offered by participating colleges and universities in Tennessee.

“Maryville College is excited to be a sponsoring college for the new Yellow Ribbon Program,” said Bill Sliwa, the College’s vice

president for enrollment. “Veterans are the role models and heroes of this country, and we are happy to assist them as they transition back to civilian life and higher education.”

Eligible veterans who would like more information about the College’s Yellow Ribbon Scholarship should call the Office of Financial Aid at 865.981.8100 or visit maryvillecollege.edu/admissions.



LYNN *Will Deliver* COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Dr. Naomi Burgos Lynn '54, chancellor emerita of the University of Illinois at Springfield and member of Maryville College’s Board of Directors, will give the commencement address for the Class of 2010 and receive the honorary doctor of humane letters degree during the College’s graduation exercises set for 6 p.m., May 16 on the campus grounds.

Lynn, who majored in political science at the College, went on to earn a master’s degree from the University of Illinois-Urbana and a Ph.D. from the University of Kansas-Lawrence.

She is married to **Robert Lynn '52**. They make their home in Springfield, Ill. Her sister is **Dr. Ruth Burgos-Sasscer '53**.

For more information on Commencement Weekend, visit the MC web site.





Dawson



Overbey

DAWSON, OVERBEY *join Board*

Blount Memorial Hospital Administrator **Joseph M. Dawson '69** and Tennessee State Senator and attorney J. Douglas Overbey have been appointed to the College's Board of Directors.

After earning his bachelor's degree from Maryville College, Dawson completed a master's degree in hospital administration at Virginia Commonwealth University's Medical College of Virginia. He joined the staff of Blount Memorial in 1977 and was named administrator in 1985.

He has been an active member of the Tennessee Hospital Association, the Hospital Alliance of Tennessee and the American Hospital Association. He has served on numerous boards in the local community, including the Blount County Chamber, the Blount County Industrial Board, United Way of Blount County, Blount County Boys' Club, the East Tennessee Economic Development Agency and First Tennessee Bank.

Dawson previously served on the College's Board of Directors from 1994 until 2006.

He is married to **Sue Anthony Dawson '69**. They have two children.

Overbey, an attorney and senior partner at Robertson, Overbey, Wilson & Beeler in Knoxville, Tenn., earned his bachelor's degree from Carson-Newman College and his J.D. degree from University of Tennessee's College of Law.

A founder and board member of A Secret Safe Place for Newborns of Tennessee, Overbey serves on the boards of New Hope-Blount County's Children's Advocacy Center, Presbyterian Homes of Tennessee and the Blount County chapter of the American Red Cross. He is also on the advisory board for Lincoln Memorial University's School of Law. He is a past board member and president of United Way of Blount County.

He and his wife Kay live in Maryville and attend St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. They have three daughters.

Nearly 100 Students JOIN NEW ENTREPRENEURSHIP CLUB

The spirit of innovation abounds at Maryville College 190 years after Rev. Isaac Anderson invited the first students to "do good on the largest possible scale." Nearly 100 students have joined the College's Entrepreneurship Club.

Brandon Bruce, director of gifts and grants at the College, helped students organize the club and will serve as the club's advisor.

"It's an exciting time for student entrepreneurs at Maryville College," Bruce said. "The downturn in the economy over the past 18 months has created the perfect environment for students to create new products and services. Half of the students at the first club interest meeting have already started their first business!"

Bruce believed the timing was right to start a club after attending the United States Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship annual conference Jan. 14-17 in Nashville.

A new course in entrepreneurship will be offered in Fall 2010.

It will be taught by Dr. Mary Kay Sullivan, the Joe D. Eakes Chair of Business, who is retiring in May but excited about returning to campus for this course.

The start of the Entrepreneurship Club coincides with the launch of a Center for Entrepreneurship at Maryville College. "The Club and the Center will work together to help students start and manage new ventures," according to Bruce.

Alumni can get involved right away.

"I learned at the Nashville conference that alumni are key to building a successful college entrepreneurship program," he explained.

"Maryville College has talented and loyal alumni who can serve as mentors and advisors to current students."

Alumni are also invited to campus to present lectures and workshops on entrepreneurship. For more information, contact Brandon Bruce at 865.981.8191 or brandon.bruce@maryvillecollege.edu.



MARYVILLE VP NAMED *President* OF LAMBUTH UNIVERSITY

Dr. Bill Seymour, former vice president for administrative services at Maryville College, was named president of Lambuth University in Jackson, Tenn., on Oct. 16.

Hired at Maryville College in 1995 as vice president and dean of students, Seymour was the longest-serving vice president under President Dr. Gerald W. Gibson.

As dean of students, Seymour was integral in the planning of new facilities for students, the development of the student development curriculum and the organization the Great South Athletic Conference.

As the head of the administrative services division, he developed a strategic planning process for the physical plant operation, completed a comprehensive facilities condition analysis, implemented a computerized work order system and supervised numerous projects.

Founded in 1843, Lambuth is a liberal arts institution affiliated with the United Methodist Church. Current enrollment is approximately 650.



PROGRAMS OF STUDY

- Accounting
- American Sign Language & Deaf Studies
- American Studies
- Appalachian Studies
- Art
- Art History
- Biochemistry
- Biology**
- Business
- Chemical Physics
- Chemistry
- Communications
- Computer Science
- Computer Science/Business
- Economics
- Education, Elementary
- Education, Secondary
- Engineering
- English
- English as a Second Language
- Environmental Studies
- Foreign Languages
- French
- German
- Health Care (Nursing)
- History
- Humanities
- International Business
- International Studies
- Japanese
- Management
- Mathematics
- Medieval Studies
- Music
- Music Education, Vocal
- Music Education, General
- Music Education, Instrumental
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- Music Performance, Vocal
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- Non-Profit Leadership Certificate Program
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- Philosophy
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- Physics
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- Pre-Seminary
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- Psychology
- Religion
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- Sociology
- Social Sciences: Interdisciplinary Courses
- Spanish
- Statistics
- Still Deciding
- Teaching English as a Second Language
- Theatre
- Writing/Communication





B.S. DEGREE now Offered for BIOLOGY MAJORS

In addition to its bachelor of arts (B.A.) degree, Maryville College is now offering the option of a bachelor of science (B.S.) degree to those students concentrating their studies in biology.

The B.S. degree, which was approved by the College's Academic Life Council during the spring of 2009, requires that students complete 65-67 hours in biology, chemistry and physics or mathematics. In comparison, students who choose the B.A. degree in biology must complete 47 hours in biology and chemistry to earn their degree.

The major difference between the B.A. and B.S. degrees now is the addition of four courses (two organic chemistry courses and two physics or mathematics courses) for the B.S. degree.

"We have always believed that our B.A. degree is as rich as a B.S. degree at other institutions after students supplement their coursework. Our biology students do very well in getting into medical school and other graduate programs, and one requirement of our curriculum that helps them stand out among other applicants is our Senior Study," explained Dr. Ben Cash, associate professor of biology and chair of the College's Natural Sciences Division. "Every degree candidate completes a unique Senior Study in the major field under the guidance of a faculty mentor. The two-semester project allows the student to exercise initiative and plan and



Megan Lock '12
Biology
Buford, Georgia

complete a substantial piece of work.

"But recent graduates have indicated that during their graduate school interviews, they have been questioned about the number and diversity of science classes that they took for their B.A. degree," he continued. "It is a general perception that a B.A. degree in biology is a less rigorous, less science-rich degree than a bachelor of science degree."

In addition to adding the B.S. degree, the College made a small change to the B.A. degree

for biology majors.

Dropping one upper-level biology requirement, administrators hope that B.A. candidates will have more time to pursue a program of elective coursework (developed in consultation with their academic advisor) that will support their career plans.

MC COMMUNITY JOINS THE BIG READ

During the fall of 2009, approximately 350 Maryville College students and 20 professors participated in The Big Read, a nationwide initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) designed to restore reading to the center of American culture.

The novel chosen for the 2009 Big Read was *Bless Me, Ultima* by Latino author Rudolfo Anaya. The coming-of-age story revolves around the main character, Antonio Luna Márez, a young boy living in New Mexico. In the story, Antonio deals with questions about faith and doubt, good and evil, ancient traditions and modern education.

The College participated in The Big Read in three ways, explained Angela Quick, the College's library director who worked with the Blount County Big Read organizing committee.

All first-year students read *Bless Me, Ultima* as part of their *FRS120: Perspectives on the Individual* course.

Third-year Spanish students created an online glossary containing Spanish vocabulary found in the novel, as well as English definitions and

pronunciations. Audio and visual files were uploaded to the MC website, maryvillecollege.edu/bigread.

Finally, the campus library featured the novel and resources such as study guides and author interviews and assisted with Blount County Big Read events scheduled throughout the months of September and October.

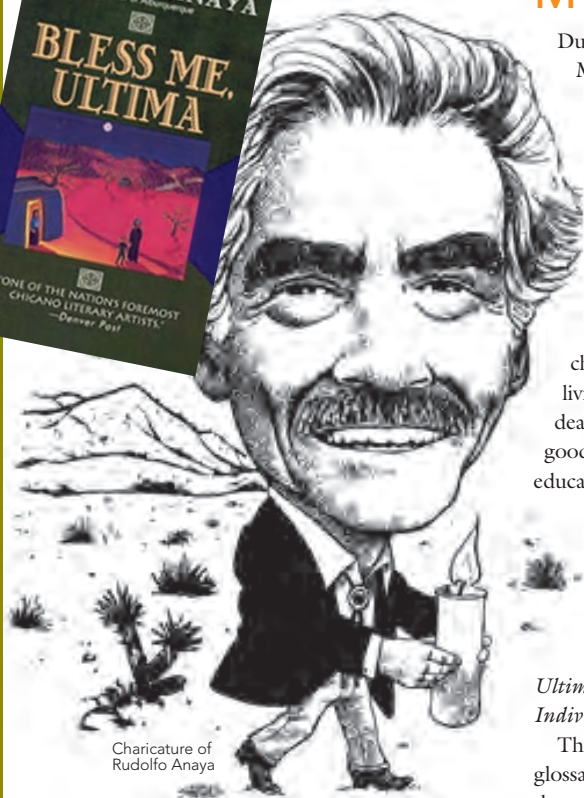
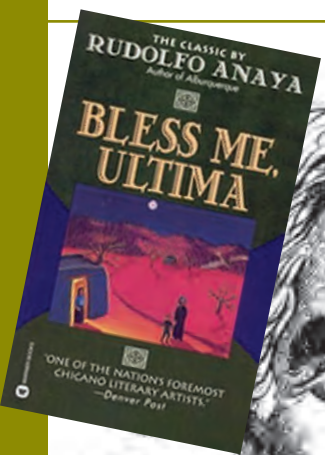
Correction: Fershee was Fulbright

In the Fall 2009 issue of *Alumni News & Notes*, we reported that **Matt Murrill '08** was "believed to be the first MC student or recent graduate to be awarded a Fulbright."

Since then, we have learned that **Susan Fershee '69**, a foreign languages major, was awarded a Fulbright fellowship in 1969 to study German language and literature at Germany's University of Tuebingen.

"At the time of my award, both [advisor] Dr. Ralph Collins and Dr. Carolyn Blair checked the college records and told me that I was the first Fulbright recipient from Maryville," Fershee wrote in an email to the College. "It is not important to me whether I was first or not, but I think it is important that the College know that its Fulbright recipients extend back further than just a couple of years."

We agree completely and regret the error.



Charicature of
Rudolfo Anaya



ATHLETICS PROGRAM *Celebrates Successes* IN FALL 2009

By Eric Etchison '88 | Sports Information Director

MC CELEBRATED THE *Accomplishments* OF ITS FIRST GOLF TEAMS DURING FALL 2009

Approved for funding in fall 2008, the golf program really got off the ground in the spring, when Ron Waters, accomplished amateur golfer and retired high school golf coach, was hired to coach both the men's and women's teams.

With their additions, the College now boasts 15 varsity sports.

In a story printed in the *Daily Times* in October 2008, Maryville College Athletics Director **Kandis Schram '85** said it was a goal of hers to bring more "lifetime" sports into the school's varsity offerings.

After a successful recruiting season, Waters' golf teams earned respectable finishes in fall tournaments. Teams also compete in the spring. Student-athletes practice and play at Lambert Acres, Green Meadow and Egwani Farms golf courses.

Follow the teams at maryvillecollege.edu/athletics.



Jeremy Cason '11

Business
Jefferson City, Tennessee

Wow! What a fall season of athletics at Maryville College!

The Scots sent a pair of programs, volleyball and women's soccer, to the second round of the NCAA tournament. Maryville claimed three Great South Athletic Conference (GSAC) titles in men's soccer, women's soccer and volleyball while raising its GSAC league championship total to 48. MC went undefeated (19-0) against conference competition and finished with an outstanding winning percentage of 76 after going 61-19-4 in all contests.

Maryville College had 38 student-athletes earn All-GSAC accolades and 10 players take home the league's "Player of the Week" honors. **Lindsay Little '10** (volleyball) and **Jessica Petersen '11** (women's soccer) were named "Players of the Year" in their respective sports by the GSAC.

All five of MC's fall sports are also proud of their athletes' commitment in the classroom. More than 60 student-athletes were named to the USA South and GSAC league All-Academic squads. The Scots' athletic department was honored with the program's 60th and 61st All-Americans. **Kyle Chewning '10** was named to the national team after a stellar senior season on the gridiron and earned a selection to play in the 2009 Division III Football Senior Classic.

Petersen earned Academic All-American honors as a soccer standout.

While Petersen is on the doorstep of several Scots soccer records and will look to eclipse those marks next season, senior running back **Rommel Hightower '11** finished his career as Maryville's career rushing leader.

At the conclusion of fall competition, Maryville has a substantial lead on the women's side to recapture the GSAC Presidents' Cup. MC has a 50-point lead over Piedmont and Salem going into winter competition. The men are in second place (10 points behind Piedmont) going into the basketball season. MC has captured 12 different GSAC Presidents' Cups in only eight seasons. The Scots have swept the cup results for the past five years in a row.

In basketball news that was reported in November, 6-foot-3 guard **Eryk Watson '11** was named an Pre-Season All-American by

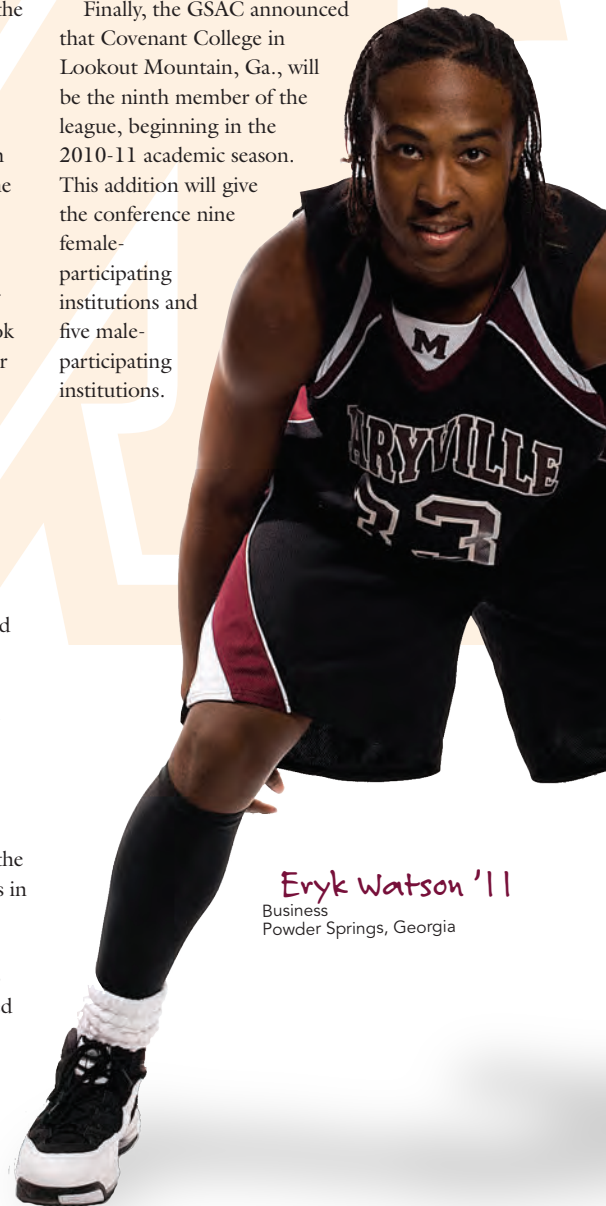
D3hoops.com. As a sophomore, he led the team in scoring for the 2008-2009 season and was named an All-South performer.

In January, the Scots learned that, because of their conference titles and competition in national tournaments, they were ranked 43rd in the Learfield Cup national standings of 177 ranked institutions.

The Learfield Sports Directors' Cup was developed as a joint effort between the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) and USA Today. Points are awarded based on each institution's finish in up to 18 sports – nine women's sports and nine men's sports.

In other news, the athletic department has begun meetings to implement a strategic plan for the future of the athletic programs. The committee is charged with identifying and visioning the future needs of the College's student-athletes.

Finally, the GSAC announced that Covenant College in Lookout Mountain, Ga., will be the ninth member of the league, beginning in the 2010-11 academic season. This addition will give the conference nine female-participating institutions and five male-participating institutions.



Eryk Watson '11

Business
Powder Springs, Georgia





CYCLING ADDED TO *Growing List* OF CLUB SPORTS

After recognizing an existing interest in the sport among the student body, the College's Student Government Association approved the cycling club on Nov. 19.

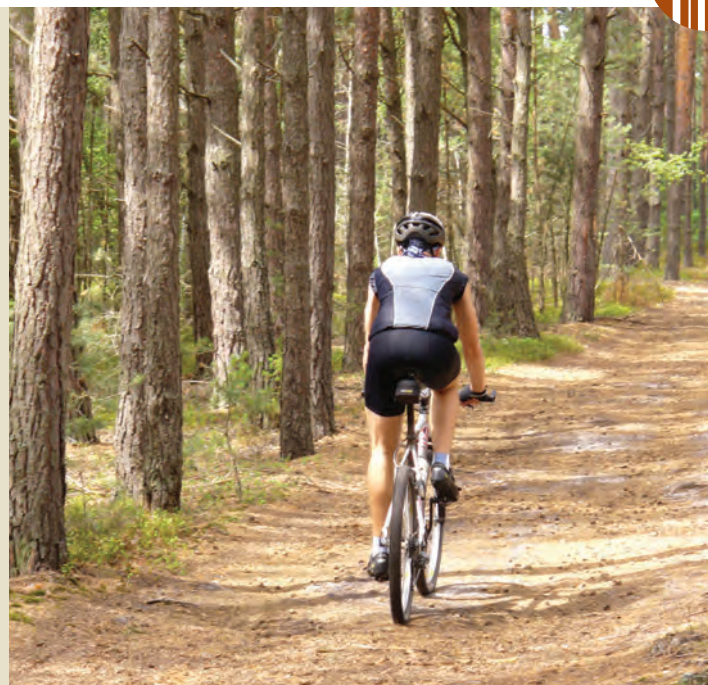
But students weren't alone in their desire to start seeing Maryville College on two wheels.

"Given our location, Maryville College has an ideal setting for a cycling club," said Brandon Bruce, whose full-time position at the four-year, liberal arts institution is as director of grants and gifts. An avid cyclist himself, Bruce saw a cycling club as a potential avenue for students, faculty and staff to collaborate, to get to know one another better, as well as get fit.

"Maryville, Tennessee, enjoys mild, four-season weather, has miles of well-paved roads and well-cut trails for either road or mountain bike riding and a community of seasoned cyclists and cyclist-friendly businesses interested in this kind of activity," he added.

Jack Piepenbring, director of safety and security, brings years of cycling experience and enthusiasm as one of three sponsors of the student club.

"I'm excited about the opportunity to share my riding experience with colleagues and students," he said. "If the cycling club exposes students, faculty and staff to a new way of incorporating fitness into their lives, or a new way of experiencing the beautiful environment we have, then we'll have accomplished quite a lot."



BOARD APPROVES *Bridge to Distinction* STRATEGIC PLAN

In the last issue of *FOCUS*, Dr. Jeff Bay, associate professor of statistics and chair of the Strategic Planning Steering Committee, wrote about becoming a "college of distinction" as a result of a new strategic plan that would follow the Window of Opportunity Plan and campaign, which guided the College from 2002 until 2007.

However, with the challenges presented by the economy and the upcoming retirement of President Dr. Gerald W. Gibson, the committee stepped back and reconsidered the College of Distinction Strategic Plan. The end result is a "bridge plan" that will help

guide the College through this transitional time.

The new Bridge to Distinction Plan, which was approved by the Maryville College Board of Directors last October, is designed to lead the College through the fall of 2012.

The newly revised strategic plan outlines specific objectives in six categories: Students; Faculty and Staff; Foundations for Distinction; Seamless Educational Experience; Faith, Learning and Service; and Stewardship.

For example, an objective in the "Students" category reads: "Programs will be developed to meet the aspirations of students with exceptional potential." One big objective under "Stewardship" is the addition of \$8 million to the College's endowment through new gifts.

The plan explains: "Maryville College recognizes its responsibility to efficiently care for all of its resources. Building on successful strategic planning, the endowment will be of a magnitude to effectively reduce tuition dependency, sustain institutional growth, and ensure that a Maryville education is affordable..."

The original College of Distinction Plan was designed to guide the College to the year 2015.

"We changed the timeframe from the typical five years to two years, primarily so that we could

engage in the planning process with the new president soon after he arrives," Bay explained. "The Presidential Search Committee felt that this was important if we were going to be able to attract someone committed to the culture of planning that exists at Maryville.

"The shorter timeframe also helped alleviate concerns by some that it was difficult to construct a longer term plan at the same time that we were dealing with budget challenges," Bay added.

In addition to Bay and Gibson, members of the Strategic Planning Steering Committee included: **Chelsea Barker '10** and **Darrick Edmonson '10**, student representatives; Dr. Jeff Fager, vice president and dean of the College; Dr. Jenifer Greene, associate professor of management; **Don Hickman '70**, alumni association representative; **Diane Humphreys-Barlow '70**, director, MC Board; Holly Jackson-Ludlow, vice president for advancement and community relations; Vandy Kemp, vice president for student development; **Kandis Schram '85**, athletic director; Bill Slivi, vice president for enrollment; and Dana Smith, vice president for finance.





CLAYTON CENTER'S *Grand Opening* SET FOR LATE MARCH

The Clayton Center for the Arts is on schedule to hold its grand opening the last weekend in March 2010. The Center boasts an exciting mix of genres from a wide variety of forms of art in the first few weeks that the doors will be open.

"After more than a decade of dreaming, planning and discussing, the Clayton Center will come to life in early 2010, and we're excited that very soon, the public will be able to enjoy it," said John Cherry, director of marketing for the Center. "We're striving for the Center to be East Tennessee's home for the arts – not just music, but all of the arts, and our upcoming events demonstrate that."

GRAND OPENING EVENTS SCHEDULED

The Grand Opening events of March 25-29 are intended to be representative of the variety and quality of entertainment and arts that will be offered at the Center in the months and years to come.

Events of the Grand Opening include: the Maryville College Choir Concert, March 25; Jo Dee Messina Concert, March 26; Adams Foundation Piano Concert, March 28; and the joint recital of alumni vocalists

Delores Bowen Ziegler '73 and **John Wesley Wright '87** and the Banff Film Festival, both set for March 29. The main event of the Grand Opening weekend, however, is the Gala planned for March 27 in the 1,200-seat

Ronald and Lynda Nutt Theatre. The Gala will feature artists from East Tennessee demonstrating the wide variety and high quality of talent available in the region.

Constructed through a partnership of the College, the cities of Maryville and Alcoa, and state and federal governments, the \$47-million Clayton Center for the Arts will celebrate the art and culture of the Appalachian region by serving as a venue for local musicians, performers and artists.

Its design will also accommodate plays and musicals, concerts by touring musicians and orchestras, traveling art exhibits, film series, children's plays and presentations by nationally recognized speakers.

The first large-scale performance scheduled for the theatre was "Chasing George Washington." This production came to Maryville direct from the Kennedy Center Theater for Young Audiences on Tour. "Chasing George Washington" played to more than 2,000 school children from Blount and Knox counties on Feb. 24.

The Maryville High School Orchestra held its Valentine's Day concert on Feb. 14 in the Nutt Theatre. A faculty art exhibit is open in the Student Art Gallery for the month of March.

Amy Moore Morton, artistic director of the Appalachian Ballet Company, has announced that the company will be performing "Peter Pan" at the Clayton Center in late April.

"This will be the first production from one of the four resident arts organizations that will call the Clayton Center home," Cherry said. "The Appalachian Ballet Company

is East Tennessee's premier classical performing company, and we're particularly excited that area children – both those performing with it and those attending the performances – will benefit from this relationship."

Bluegrass royalty and three-time Grammy Award winner Dr. Ralph Stanley and his Clinch Mountain Boys will perform April 29.

Cherry said the Clayton Center staff is referring to the spring season as a "mini season."

"Typically, our season will run from September to May, to match up with the academic calendar of Maryville College," he explained. "By moving into the facility in January, we're kind of opening in the middle of a typical season."

CENTER IS TICKETS UNLIMITED OUTLET

Tickets Unlimited will be handling sales for Clayton Center events, and the Clayton Center's box office will be a full-service location for reserving tickets for other events made available through Tickets Unlimited, something Cherry and other Clayton Center staff are excited about.

"Certainly, we want people to stop by and pick up tickets for our performances and shows, but they'll also be able to purchase Knoxville Ice Bears hockey tickets, for example," Cherry said. "This arrangement will be really convenient for our campus community and the larger Blount County community, also."

For up-to-date information, visit the Clayton Center for the Arts new web site: claytonartscenter.com





(L-R) John Cherry, Margaret Forrester, Robert Hutchens, Jessica Popek and Bryan Smith make up the staff of the Clayton Center for the Arts.

CLAYTON CENTER STAFF

Introduced

Putting the final touches on the grand opening are five members of the Clayton Center for the Arts staff.

Executive Director **Robert Hutchens '71** is responsible for the daily operations of the Center. He previously served as an assistant director at Maryville College's Center for International Education, as an adjunct instructor at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville (UTK) and as a professional actor. He attended Maryville College and holds a bachelor's degree in speech and theatre from UTK, where he also pursued graduate studies in theatre and earned a master's degree in foreign language education.

Marketing Director John Cherry is responsible for the publicity and community outreach programs for the Center. Retired from military service in 2005, he was an award-winning public affairs officer for the United States Air Force. Prior to joining the Clayton Center staff, he was public relations manager for the Tellico Village Property Owners Association in Loudon County. Cherry is one of the founding members of the Foothills Community Players.

Administrative Coordinator Margaret Forrester is responsible for the business and gallery operations, overseeing grant proposals and acting as liaison for the Center and community arts organizations. She has worked for UTK's Clarence Brown Company; Compass, the United Kingdom touring theatre company in London; and the BBC.

Jessica Popek is the booking agent and box office manager and oversees the programming, box office and event management for commercial and rental events. Popek has worked for the Knoxville Symphony, Knoxville Opera, AC Entertainment and the Bonnaroo Festival.

As operations manager, Bryan Smith is responsible for the facility's technical needs, as well as coordinating the needs of touring acts. He has worked with Murlin's Music World, the City of Maryville, the City of Alcoa and The Shed at Smoky Mountain Harley-Davidson.

ON THIS PAGE: Approximately 1,700 glass orbs were hand blown for the 15 chandeliers in the building's grand foyer.

ON OPPOSITE PAGE: Identical twins Richard and John Contiguglia, one of the most acclaimed and versatile piano duos in the world today, will perform March 28 as a part of the Clayton Center's grand opening weekend. Alumni vocalists **Delores Bowen Ziegler '73** and **John Wesley Wright '87** will perform in a joint recital. Country star Jo Dee Messina will also perform during the weekend. Other artists who will perform this spring include Dr. Ralph Stanley and his Clinch Mountain Boys.



Carrie McConkey
Regional Advancement Officer

McConkey Joins College's ADVANCEMENT STAFF

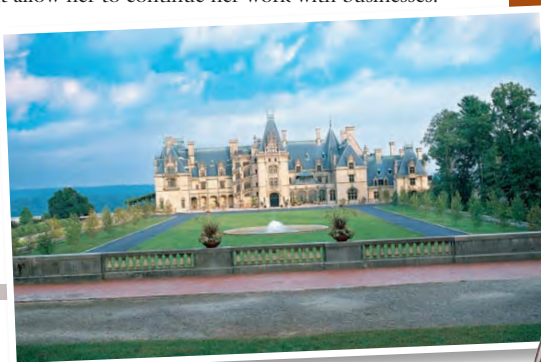
Carrie McConkey has been named the College's new regional advancement officer and soon will be visiting alumni and friends on the East Coast, helping complete the College's Window of Opportunity campaign, as well as launching the campaign for the new Bridge to Distinction Plan.

McConkey, who was previously the director of placement in the College's Center for Calling & Career, holds a master's degree in human resource development from the University of Tennessee and a bachelor's degree in family and consumer sciences from Carson-Newman College.

Her work experience includes positions as a human resources intern, a senior placement assistant, a customer service specialist, a certified speaker/presenter and an entrepreneur/designer.

McConkey was recently named one of the *Greater Knoxville Business Journal's* "40 Under 40."

"Carrie brings to this position a tremendous amount of energy and experience with the local business community," said Holly Jackson-Ludlow, vice president of advancement and community relations at the College. "We are looking forward to introducing her to donors, as well as looking for ways that allow her to continue her work with businesses."



2010 TOUR INCLUDES *Performance at Biltmore*

The Carolinas will be the destination for the 2010 Maryville College Concert Choir Tour, and one highlight of the six-day trip will be a performance at Biltmore House and Gardens in Asheville, N.C.

As part of his retirement celebration, MC President Dr. Gerald Gibson will be present for the festivities.

The choir is scheduled to perform at 1 p.m., March 13, in the estate's Winter Garden following an 11:30 a.m. luncheon in the Stable Café. A \$50 per-person fee covers the price of admission to the Biltmore estate, the concert and the midday meal. A \$30 per-person fee covers only the concert and admission to the estate.

Reservations are required by March 5 and can be made online by visiting maryvillecollege.edu.

The 2010 tour begins March 11 with a mini-concert scheduled for 10:30 a.m. in the Grand Foyer of the new Clayton Center for the Arts (CCA).

The choir's annual Homecoming Concert is scheduled for 8 p.m., March 25, and will usher in the Grand Opening weekend of the CCA. (See pages 8-9.)

Great Scots! ... IT'S A NEW VOLUNTEER PROGRAM!

Due to the success of Kin Takahashi Week, many MC alumni, alumni spouses, students and friends frequently express interest in volunteering at the College year-round.

In response to these requests, **Diana Canacaris '02**, director of stewardship and alumni board relations, launched the Great Scots! volunteer program in September.

"Great Scots! is 'volunteer-friendly,' as projects are well-organized and designed for all skill levels," she explained. "Volunteers have the flexibility to choose the level of their involvement and the commitment of their time."

Great Scots! opportunities are grouped into six categories: Administrative, Athletics, Hospitality, Friends of the College Woods, Landscaping and Archives.

People interested in participating may contact Carol Clark at 865.981.8200 or alumni@maryvillecollege.edu. More information – including online registration – is available at maryvillecollege.edu/alumni/GreatScots.



Tommy Mitchell '12
Biochemistry
Madisonville, Tennessee

TOUR SCHEDULE

- March 11 - 7:30 p.m.**
First Presbyterian Church of
Greenville, Tenn.
- March 12 - 7 p.m.**
Black Mountain Presbyterian
Church of Montreat, N.C.
- March 14 - 8:30a.m. & 11 p.m.
services; noon concert**
First Presbyterian Church of
Burlington, N.C.
- March 14 - 7 p.m.**
Westminster Presbyterian
Church of Columbia, S.C.
- March 15 - 7 p.m.**
Trinity Presbyterian Church of
Surfside Beach, S.C.
- March 16 - 7:30 p.m.**
Sardis Presbyterian Church of
Charlotte, N.C.
- April 11 - 11 a.m. service**
New Providence Presbyterian
Church of Maryville, Tenn.
- May 7 - 7:30 p.m.**
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
of Maryville, Tenn.

For more information:

CHOIR TOUR

Contact: Stacy Wilner, coordinator of choral music, at stacey.wilner@maryvillecollege.edu or 865.981.8151.

THE BILTMORE PERFORMANCE

Contact: Carrie McConkey, regional advancement officer, at carrie.mcconkey@maryvillecollege.edu or 865.981.8197. *Please make checks payable to "Maryville College Concert Choir" and mail to Maryville College, Office of Advancement, Attention: Carrie McConkey, 502 E. Lamar Alexander Pkwy., Maryville, TN 37804.*

HOMECOMING 2009:



Weather didn't dampen MC Spirit

Yes, it was overcast, windy and cold, but alumni and friends reported having a great time during the 2009 Homecoming and Reunion Weekend.

If you weren't able to make it to campus Oct. 16-18, enjoy a few of the

celebrations highlighted on this page.

A more comprehensive look at the weekend can be found at maryvillecollege.edu. More than 50 photos are available on the College's Flickr photostream.

Jenna Thorp '10 and Earl Coleman '10 were crowned the College's Homecoming Queen and King.

REUNION CLASSES DONATE, \$300,000 IMPACT ESTIMATED

At the annual meeting of the Maryville College National Alumni Association held Oct. 17, members of the 25th, 40th and 50th reunion classes proudly presented checks reflective of their reunion fundraising efforts. Combined, the reunion class giving resulted in nearly \$300,000 of total impact while specifically raising roughly \$180,000 to assist with various current projects on campus.

The Class of 1984, represented by alumna **Margaret Andrews Huntzinger '84**, raised \$9,165 that will be used toward the ground floor entrance in Anderson Hall, which is slated for renovation in the near future. **Alan Cropper '69** reported that his class raised \$74,520 that will be combined with gifts from the classes of 1968 and 1970 to provide funds for the reception area in Anderson Hall, as well as establish an endowed scholarship. **Jack Emery '59** presented to Maryville College President Dr. Gerald W. Gibson the check from his classmates. In celebration of 50 years since graduation, Emery's class raised \$98,085 that will be used for the establishment of a new endowed scholarship and funding a seminar room in Anderson Hall.

With the addition of 12 members to the Society of 1819, the College's planned giving society, the three classes added \$115,000 to reunion giving impact.

"Special thanks to all of the reunion classes for their hard work to date," said Holly Jackson-Ludlow, vice president for advancement and community relations. "We are so grateful for each and every gift. We know that alumni have a choice about what they support, and we are honored that they choose to give to their alma mater so generously and faithfully."

Gifts and pledges can still be added to these totals until the end of the fiscal year – May 31, 2010 – and will be counted toward final class fundraising numbers, she added.

SEVERAL ALUMNI HONORED

Maryville College honored three alumni during the 2009 Alumni Reception.

The College's Alumni Citation was presented to **Elizabeth "Libby" Sloan Welsh '59**, who served 47 years in numerous capacities for the advancement and development divisions of Maryville College, and to **Alvin Nance '79**, president and chief executive officer of Knoxville's Community Development Corporation. (Wife Jacquelyn Nance accepted the award on his behalf.)

Yvette Prinsloo Franklin '98, who is currently working toward a doctorate in cultural studies in education, was named the recipient of the Kin Takahashi Award for Young Alumni.



2009 Wall of Fame inductees included (l-r) Randy Schaurer '75, Alan Rock '49 (wife Jean Cobb Rock '48 accepted on behalf of her late husband), Ken Adair '81, Les Rock '43, Ben Sohrabi '92, Denise Penzkofer '86 and Kelvin Richardson '93.



Special reunions for class years ending in '0' & '5'



HOMETO HOWEE

2010

October 22-23

TWO *Faculty* ANNOUNCE RETIREMENT PLANS

Dr. Mary Kay Sullivan, professor of management and the Joe D. Eakes Chair of Business, will retire at the conclusion of the 2009-2010 academic year after more than 20 years of service.

Sullivan earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Arkansas in 1963 and a master's degree from Bryn Mawr College in 1966. She obtained a master of business administration and a doctorate from the University of Tennessee (UT) in Knoxville in 1985 and 1989, respectively. She also attended the University of Florence (Italy) as a Fulbright Scholar.

The two-time Outstanding Teacher Award recipient is a recognized expert in strategic management, principles of finance and principles of management. She is a member of many professional and scholarly organizations and boards, including the East Tennessee Foundation and the Nature Conservancy.

Dr. Barbara Wells, associate professor of sociology and chair of the division of social sciences, said



Dr. Mary Kay Sullivan

Sullivan would be deeply missed.

"As much as Dr. Sullivan's colleagues appreciate her leadership and good cheer, I believe it is our students who have benefited most from her work at the College," Wells said. "Her support has been especially valuable to some of our first-generation college students who have surmounted significant obstacles to graduation thanks, in part, to Dr. Sullivan's dedicated efforts on their behalf."



Dr. Margaret Ribble '61

Sullivan is eligible to receive the designation of professor emeritus by vote of the tenured faculty members this spring. If selected, the announcement will be made at May's Commencement.

Dr. Margaret Stevenson Ribble '61, associate professor of mathematics, is also retiring in May after more than 25 years of service. From 1968 until 1971, she worked as supervisor of the printing office at the College. While earning a

teaching certificate for secondary math at MC in 1985, she was hired to help students through remedial math courses. Working part-time at the College, she continued her studies at the UT, pursuing a master's degree, which she obtained in 1991. Ribble became a full-time faculty member at MC in 1998 and obtained her doctorate from UT in 1999 – just a month before her 60th birthday.

Dr. John Nichols '61, professor of mathematics and chair of the division of mathematics and computer science, praised Ribble.

"She is a model professor and is loved by her students. She is an accomplished violinist, a world traveler, a two-time winner of the Most Outstanding Teacher Award, a great academic advisor and counselor, an excellent teacher and much more," he stated. "She, in all respects, represents what Maryville College is all about. We could all benefit from emulating her style and her commitment to the education of students."



MATASCIK PRODUCES CD *of Original Music*

By **Annie Brown Standridge '10** | Communications Assistant

When Dr. Sheri Matascik says she kept her self-produced CD "At the End of the Day" personal, she really means it.

The associate professor of music at Maryville College recorded her original compositions in her 10-year-old studio. She worked with her brother on the CD's artwork, and her beloved dog is the star of a bonus track.

But the idea for producing a CD commercially wasn't her own; it was her fans'.

Following her Spring 2008 recital, colleagues, students and local music followers persistently asked Matascik if she would release her music to the public.

"Basically, people just wanted to hear the music," she said.

So last year, the MC professor released "At the End of the Day," a collection of guitar compositions that celebrate classical, contemporary folk, Appalachian, jazz and Celtic styles. For a piece entitled "Simple But True," she also performed on ukulele in a style that evokes Asian folk music.

"At the End of the Day" can be purchased through cdbaby.com.

The musician and Maryville College professor started playing at age 5, when her parents gave her a ukulele. Growing up in a large Catholic family

with four siblings, she didn't receive her first guitar until she was 9. Matascik beamed when she thought back to her first guitar – a Stella Harmony. Her father was her first instructor.

Her steel-string solo guitar playing is influenced by her current instructor, Grammy Award-winning guitarist Al Petteway, who opened her ears to more contemporary styles and helped her learn to record acoustic guitar.

The CD was her first experience with recording acoustic guitar.

"I made lots of mistakes figuring out how to splice things together," Matascik said. She also kept picking up the sounds of cars passing by, as well as noises from her beloved dog, Twinkie, who, sadly, passed away last summer.

"Twinkie's Commentary," which is the very last track of the CD, contains sound clips of her canine friend snoring – snoring that prevented her from recording music successfully on many occasions. Also on the CD is a piece entitled, "Aunt Rosie's Hill," which was inspired by her childhood memories on her late Aunt Rosie's farm.

She has begun work on her next commercial CD, which will contain pieces with more upbeat rhythms. The local national parks have inspired her to create music themed around the Smoky Mountains. She may also incorporate other instruments in her second release.

"The first [CD project] went so well, I thought 'Why not?'"



MC'S 'Wetlands Dude' WADES IN WITH STUDENT SCIENTISTS



Whether they're located at the Arctic Circle or within the Maryville City limits, wetlands are a passion for Dr. Ben Cash.

Cash, chair of the College's Division of Natural Sciences and an associate professor of biology, sums it up quite easily.

"I'm a wetlands dude."

His expertise in these unique habitats has taken him to the Churchill Northern Studies Centre (CNSC) in Manitoba, Canada, over seven summers and, most recently, to the Pearsons Springs wetland located in Maryville.

"Wetlands are disproportionately rich in biodiversity," he explains, "and we know from a lot of research that they are so important to water quality because, essentially, they filter the water."

His wetlands research has included everything from water quality to species inventory and population genetics. And, thanks to grant support, it has almost always involved Maryville College students.

Since 2004 and with generous funding from Earthwatch Institute, Cash has taken nearly 10 students to the CNSC, which is considered one of the premier facilities for subarctic research and education and a year-round host to some of the world's best paleontologists, ornithologists, climatologists and mammologists. Most MC students have spent between two weeks and one month at the Centre. Two have earned academic credit for an arctic ecology course.

Describing the opportunity for college students to study at CNSC as "awesome," Cash points to the opportunity some former students had to meet and work with the late Dr. Robert Jefferies, a member of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change that received the Nobel Peace Prize (along with former U.S. vice-president Al Gore) in 2007.

Jefferies, an ecologist at the University of Toronto, was a frequent resident of CNSC.

"A Nobel Laureate. And students sat at the meal table with him and worked in the lab with him," Cash says. "That's the kind of opportunity we're talking about."

Closer to home, Cash and Dr. Mark O'Gorman, associate professor of political science and coordinator of environmental studies, have been involved in the Pistol Creek Environmental Protection and Education Project, a Maryville City initiative to preserve a lowland wetland area located near Pearsons Springs just off Montvale Station Road. With a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency, the city is constructing an open-air classroom, an outdoor laboratory and an elevated boardwalk in a floodplain.

Maryville College was involved early on. In 2007 and 2008, professors and students conducted an inventory of existing wetland vegetation and wildlife, made recommendations for what native plants were suitable to that area, and began water quality



ABOVE: In 2006, biology major **Kelsea Morse '07** conducts research at Churchill Northern Studies Centre in Manitoba, Canada.

BELOW: MC students **Adam Bean '10** and **Kaycee Dortch '10** stroll the newly constructed boardwalk of the Pistol Creek Environmental Protection and Education Project in Maryville. The two are assisting with signage and educational materials for the project.



monitoring. Biology students also developed curriculum packets for schoolteachers and created pamphlets and brochures that will be available for the general public at the outdoor classroom once opened.

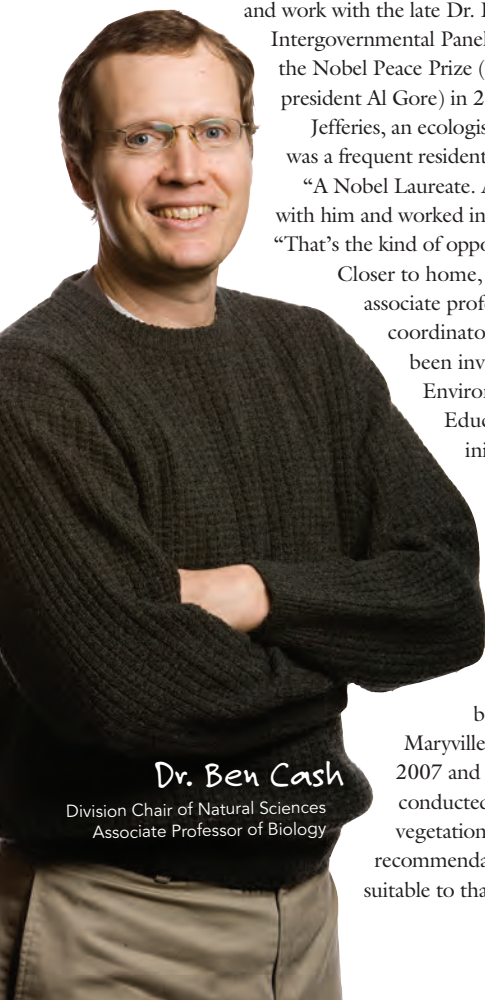
"How could I not jump at a chance to enhance a wetlands site and educate the public about the importance of wetlands at the same time?" he says of the project. "It's an awesome experience."

Pointing out that the Pistol Creek project is one example of the importance of understanding urban ecology, Cash says the students involved have gotten to see the importance of having small natural areas amidst development. And, they've been exposed to the role of government in preserving the environment.

As for the "wetlands dude," it's gotten him and his students into the field.

"Books are important. Classrooms and labs are important," Cash says. "But in my discipline, you cannot be a complete expert in the field without having the hands-on experience."

"Standing thigh-deep in a wetland is when you truly begin to understand the concepts."



Dr. Ben Cash

Division Chair of Natural Sciences
Associate Professor of Biology

MC'S ASTOR PREPARES *for Civil War Anniversary*

Next year, Dr. Aaron Astor, assistant professor of history at Maryville College, will participate in numerous events commemorating the 150th anniversary of the start of the American Civil War. Personally, he'll celebrate the publication of his book on the border states (Missouri, Kentucky, West Virginia, Maryland and Delaware) and the Civil War and Reconstruction by LSU Press.

The working title of Astor's book is *Belated Confederates: Black Politics, Guerilla Violence, and the Collapse of Conservative Unionism in Kentucky and Missouri from 1860-1872*. It is expected to go on sale early in 2011 as part of LSU Press' "Conflicting Worlds: New Dimensions of the American Civil War" series.

Astor's book began as his dissertation for a doctoral degree in American History from Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. Completing it in 2006, he joined the MC faculty in 2007.

For his doctoral dissertation, he focused on certain towns in Kentucky and Missouri. Looking more broadly, he concentrated on



Kentucky's Bluegrass Region, and in Missouri, he focused on the so-called "Little Dixie Region" along the Missouri River. These were two areas that relied fairly heavily on slavery but exhibited divided loyalties

toward the Union and the Confederacy.

"What I found was just enthralling and understudied," said Astor, explaining that historians have discussed Reconstruction in the

Deep South in great detail but have not studied Reconstruction in the border states.

"How can you have reconstruction in a place where congressional radical reconstruction did not apply?" he asked.

Recognized for his expertise in the subjects of border states and the Civil War, Astor has been asked to present conference papers and share his research among peers. Most recently, he participated in the Southern Historical Association's annual meeting in Louisville, Ky.

Now a resident of East Tennessee, Astor has expanded the geographical area of his research and has gotten involved in Tennessee Civil War preservation.

Last October, Astor applied for a large humanities grant that would help fund the creation of a web-based geographical information system (GIS) project that would map the loyalties of East Tennessee during the Civil War. He hopes this will be a collaborative project with genealogists and local historians throughout the area. He also plans to enlist Maryville College students for data collection.

Astor would like to begin the project in Blount and Knox Counties this fall and expand into other areas to gather information about who sided with whom in the war.

One project already underway has him working with **Adam Duggan '13** and Steve Dean, producer of WBIR-TV'S award-winning "Heartland Series." (Astor serves on the East Tennessee Civil War Alliance, which is headed by Dean.) The team is creating a documentary about the various forts in Knoxville.

Astor said he can't help but be interested in the history of the area.

"This is a part of the country that is very conscious of its unique past. It's not like the rest of the South or the rest of America," he said, theorizing that residents of the area know their roots better because they are

descendants of original European settlers more commonly than anywhere else in the U.S.

Groundbreaking Research in Autism and **SERVICE DOGS** Continues at MC



For more than two years, the College's Division of Behavioral Sciences has been working with Wilderwood Service Dogs in Maryville, Tenn., to collect scientific evidence for what many had long been eyewitnesses to – service dogs being able to interrupt self-stimulatory behaviors, calm anxieties and improve communication in autistic children.

Several of the College's psychology professors, including Dr. Ariane Schratte, teamed up with MC students to embark on this ground-breaking research. The psychology and child development majors have been volunteering in the lab and receiving practicum credit for their involvement in the research.

Early on, **Andrew Salpas '09** was tasked with helping devise studies for other psychology majors that would yield useful data.

When the time came for him to select his Senior Study topic, he focused on a particular area of interest – the effect of a service dog on an autistic child's pragmatic language skills. Following one child made the study more manageable given the one-year timeframe.

"Pragmatic language is the language of socialization," the recent graduate explained. Current research suggests that deficits in pragmatic language are a unifying feature of autistic disorders."

Using standardized psychological instruments, filming and other measurements with one autistic child, Salpas found that the child's "echolalic utterances" and tendency to repeat phrases that weren't contextually appropriate lessened with the introduction of the service dog. Parents reported (through the standardized tests) specific areas of improvement, such as the child searching for the right words in conversations, answering questions with enough information without being overly precise and showing flexibility in adapting to unexpected situations.

Working with two to three children every three months, Schratte said that it takes some time to build a sufficient sample size.

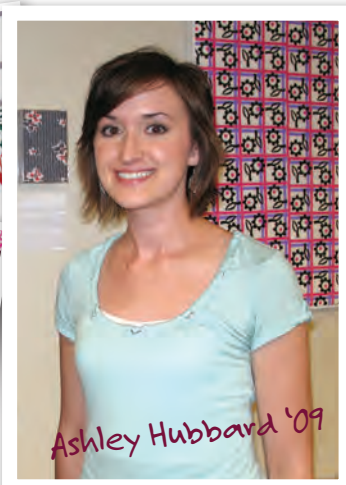
"Two years of preliminary data shows promising trends," stated Schratte. "We would like to expand our research to include the effects of service dogs on different levels of severity of autism."

With these new goals in mind, the team recently submitted a grant to the National Institute of Health in order to acquire funding to support further research efforts.





From NFL Stats to Dutch Philosophers: SENIOR STUDIES REFLECT RANGE OF INTERESTS, CURIOSITIES



Ashley Hubbard '09

"Art Deco Fabric Design"

A big fan of Art Deco, art major **Ashley Hubbard '09** studied the style in-depth, designed patterns for textile that incorporated key elements, and worked with a screen printer to get them created. Advisor: Ms. Adrienne Schwarte, assistant professor of art.

"A Silent Crisis in Japan: The Petroleum Discovery Within the East China Sea and its Politico-Economic Effects"

International business major **Makoto Hara '09** delved into diplomatic disputes surrounding the discovery of oil off the Senkaku Islands, proposed possible solutions to the arguments, and figured the economic impact of drilling and refining the oil in Japan's Okinawa Prefecture. Advisor: Dr. Scott Brunger, associate professor of economics.

"Fluorescent Technology in Medulloblastoma Research"

Kara Whitlock '08 traveled to St. Jude Research Hospital in Memphis to assist with cancer research. Using several fluorescent techniques, the biology major studied the role of certain genes in tumor formation in the cerebellum. Advisor: Dr. Jerilyn Swann, associate professor of biology.

"Health Care Analysis: Blount County, Tennessee and Shangri-La, China"

Economics major **Cory Everett '09** looked at the similarities and differences of modern health care in two communities on opposite sides of the globe. Advisor: Dr. Sherry Kasper, professor of economics.

"El Gaucho Negro: Argentina's Literary War Against Blacks, Cowboys and Amerindians"

While studying at the Universidad Católica de Córdoba, Spanish major **Gabriel Turner '09** became familiar with two famous Argentine works and how they affected Argentina's racial landscape. Advisor: Dr. Geoffrey Mitchell, assistant professor of Spanish languages and literature.

"The Effect of the Use of a Service Dog on Pragmatic Language in a Child with Autism"

Conducting groundbreaking and "real world" research, psychology major **Andrew Salpas '09** collaborated with faculty members, a non-profit agency, autistic children and their families. Advisor: Dr. Jason Troyer, assistant professor of psychology.

"Collective Behavior and the Factors that Cause Prison Riots"

Sociology major **Julie Pate '09** looked at three well-known prison riots and factors that could have caused the uprisings. Advisor: Dr. Tricia Bruce, assistant professor of sociology.

"Spinoza's Political Philosophy: An Unrecognized Consequentialism"

History and philosophy major **W. Austin Newsom '09** analyzed 17th-century Dutch philosopher Baruch Spinoza's political writings and offered his own interpretation of Spinoza's political philosophy. Advisor: Dr. Bill Meyer, professor of philosophy.

"The Comparison of the Effect of Dietary Changes or Dirlotapide Treatment on Canine Obesity in a Small Animal Veterinary Practice"

Biology major **Anna McRee '10** collected data from nearly 600 dogs and looked at therapies effective in weight loss. Advisor: Dr. Drew Crain, associate professor of biology.

"Stretching and Strength Training in Anterior Cruciate Ligament Rehabilitation"

Physical education major **Matt Dunn '09** researched various ACL rehab processes. Advisor: Dr. Traci Haydu, assistant professor of physical education.

Ever wonder what current students are focusing their Senior Study research on? Here's a look at 12 exemplary studies that were added to the library collection last year.

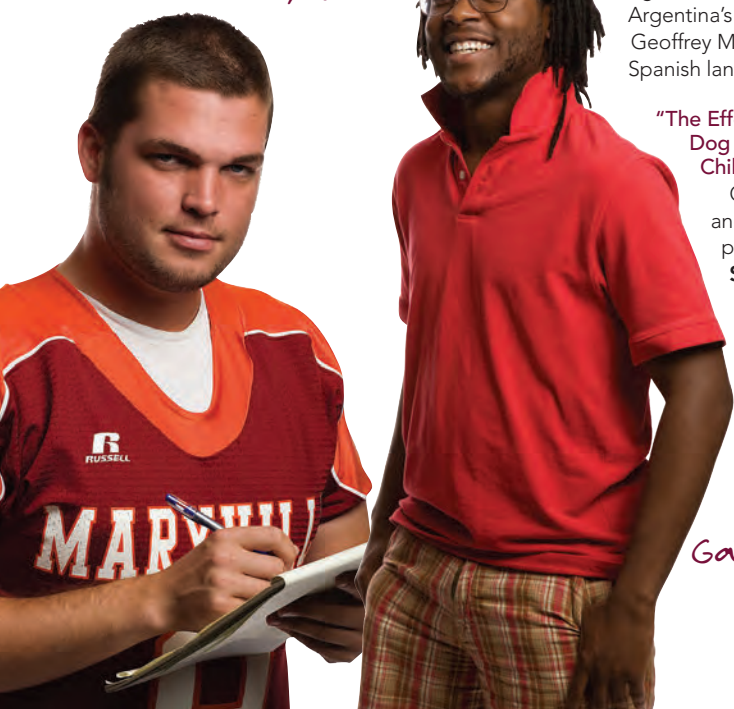
"Statistical Analysis in the NFL"

Kyle Prince '09, a mathematics for teacher licensure major, explained a ranking system he developed for players and teams that may be superior to the NFL's. Advisor: Dr. Jeffrey Bay, associate professor of statistics.

"My Days as a Fighting Scot"

Pulling on a football jersey for the first time since high school, writing/communication major **Kevin Wheatley '09** trained, practiced and played with the Scots to better inform his Senior Study on participatory journalism. Advisor: Mr. Kim Trevathan, assistant professor of writing/communication.

Kevin Wheatley '09



Gabriel Turner '09



Anna McRee '10



Matt Dunn '09



THE GIBSON 1993-2010

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IN LATE 1992, DR. GERALD W. GIBSON was one of three candidates invited to the Maryville College campus by a presidential search committee. Then dean of Roanoke College in Roanoke, Va., Gibson, who held a doctoral degree in organic chemistry from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, had applied to become the 10th president of Maryville College after conducting research and asking colleagues what they knew of the 173-year-old East Tennessee institution.

He looked first to data on academic reputation published by U.S. News and World Report, which showed Maryville College in an upper tier – definitely worth his consideration to apply for the presidential position.

But a friend and dean at another college told Gibson that he thought Maryville was close to bankruptcy and closing.

Driving around the campus in December of 1992, Gibson was reminded of his friend’s earlier assessment of Maryville College’s financial status. Those first impressions of the College – neglected facilities, grounds void of much landscaping, unimpressive roadways – would stay with Gibson throughout the next several years as president of the College and would influence his earliest decisions about strategic plans and funding. “You never get a second chance to make a first impression” was a phrase many at the College heard Gibson say after his inauguration in 1993.

They would hear the phrase “best possible college” more. Borrowing the words of Maryville College fifth president Dr. Samuel T. Wilson, Gibson, during his inauguration address, recommitted Maryville’s resources to make the College “the best possible college” during his tenure.

Recently, *FOCUS* Editor **Karen Beaty Eldridge ’94** interviewed the president about the last 17 years, focusing especially on those areas of growth and improvement in which he takes greatest satisfaction. (See “Points of Pride” stories throughout this section.) Below are portions of that interview.



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YEARS Making Maryville *‘the best possible college’*

INTERVIEW WITH THE PRESIDENT

FOCUS: THINK BACK TO YOUR FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF THE COLLEGE.

GIBSON: Driving around campus that first visit was daunting – no question about that. And I think that first visual impression was pretty indicative of the kind of challenge that it was going to be. Carnegie was under construction, so that was the one hopeful sign that I saw of the physical condition of the campus, but buildings were obviously dilapidated. I thought Bartlett was a deserted building when I saw it. My first impression was that definitely there was much, much work to be done on the campus and the buildings.

FOCUS: BUT YOU HAD RESEARCH THAT INDICATED THE ACADEMICS WERE STRONG.

GIBSON: Yes, although I think I really was more confident of that after I got here than before the fact. I’ve never been afraid of a challenge; in fact, life is more interesting when you have a challenge. I enjoy making things happen that need to happen. Certainly one of the things that struck me after I got here was how nearly alike the statistics were with Roanoke when I got there and the statistics here with freshman retention and graduation rate. They were in better financial condition there, but they weren’t financially flush by any means. But they also had a lot of deferred maintenance just as we did here. And that made me confident that we could turn the picture around here and that it wouldn’t take that long to do it. At Roanoke, we had moved

from that kind of condition to a much, much improved condition in about five years. So I had some idea from that about how long we could expect it to take not to be at perfection, but to be at a place where we were confident that the future would be better than the past had been.

FOCUS: WHAT WERE SOME OF THE THINGS THAT YOU KNEW NEEDED TO BE ADDRESSED?

GIBSON: I would have said I was struck by the poor condition of the campus and buildings. And a lot of that was deferred maintenance, but a lot of it was just not doing things that didn’t cost much money that could be done. ... I felt there was work to do on the church relationship. We had a chaplain at that point, but I didn’t feel that there was a high level of attention given to the church relationship. And of course, the financial position of the College

was atrocious. And I knew there was a lot of work to do there. But the financial position was more a function of enrollment than it was of endowment. That’s a mistake a lot of people make – they think the wealth of a college being in its endowment, and that’s true at a place like Berea or the University of Richmond or someplace that has hundreds of millions (or even billions of dollars in the endowment), but at most small colleges, far more money comes from tuition, and that means enrollment, and enrollment was another big problem; in fact, the most fundamental problem that we had, I would say. Enrollment hit the bottom in the mid-1980s here, and there had been a couple of years of big enrollment gains after [ninth president] Dick Ferrin came here as president, but then that stopped. And the year I came, there had been about a 10 percent

Point of Pride: IMPROVED TOWN-GOWN RELATIONSHIP

PRESIDENT GIBSON: "When I became president in 1993, I wouldn't have identified our town-gown relationship as a problem. But I've had so many people to tell me over the last year that they think this relationship is stronger now than it ever has been, so I take a lot of satisfaction in that. It's very important for a college to have a good relationship with the community around it. I've long said that I want us to be seen as an appreciating asset in the community, and I think that is largely true."

Evidence abounds to support Gibson's and others' claims that the College and surrounding communities are working together to improve life in Blount County and beyond.

During Gibson's tenure, many programs have been implemented or expanded that take the College's expertise and manpower out into the community. Perhaps the best examples of this are the growth of the Bonner Scholars Program, which annually sends approximately 60 students to area service organizations, where they volunteer at least 17,000 hours; and the Center for Strong Communities, which aids local non-profits by coordinating professional development opportunities and community-based research projects led by MC professors.

The Center for Calling & Career, opened in 2002, has been more intentional about matching students with local businesses and non-profits for internships and practica experiences, as well as job placements.

With additions and improvements in facilities and the beautification of campus grounds, more and more organizations and businesses from the community are coming to the College for their meetings, conferences and fundraisers. Leadership Blount, a community leadership enhancement and development program, now operates from campus office space in Alexander House.

But when the Clayton Center for the Arts officially opens on the campus in March, many will view the \$47-million facility for the fine arts as the strongest symbol of extraordinary town-gown relations. Constructed through a partnership of the College, the cities of Maryville and Alcoa and state and federal governments, the Clayton Center will involve representatives of the partners in its governance.

drop in enrollment between the previous fall and the fall when I arrived. So, a lot of work to do in enrollment. And the other thing that I noted was that there were a lot of empty slots on our Board of Directors. We had 10 empty slots on the Board when I got here, so that was going to be a big challenge to find 10 good people and attract them to the Board.

FOCUS: ARE YOU SATISFIED THAT THESE ISSUES HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED DURING YOUR PRESIDENCY?

GIBSON: I think all of them have been addressed. If you ask me if we've done all of the things that I dreamed we might do, I'd have to say there are still things on those

fronts that I think we can continue to work on. We've not yet met our enrollment goal for the last strategic plan, so we need to work on that. And Board building is going to be a constant, I think. At this point, the Board building is more a matter of finding the right people with the fit for the time that we're in than it is having the numbers there. And of course, the financial position you always want to improve. If the stock market does not decline sharply again, we will be at the \$55-million mark by the time of my retirement. And I think there's always work to do on the matter of church relationship, but we've made such great strides there.



FOCUS: WHAT DO YOU WISH SOMEONE HAD TOLD YOU BEFORE YOU TOOK THE PRESIDENCY AT MARYVILLE COLLEGE?

GIBSON: You know, there were no big surprises. I knew there were financial problems, of course, but it took longer to get sound financial footing than I had expected it to because we were in a little worse position than I had thought before I came in. A nice surprise was what a collegial atmosphere we had on campus. That was one thing that was very different than the other places that I had been.

FOCUS: WHAT STRUCK YOU AS DISTINCTIVE ABOUT MARYVILLE COLLEGE?

GIBSON: The first year I was here, I visited about two-thirds of the faculty in their offices, one-on-one. And I asked each of them "What do you think makes this place distinct?" And every single one of them cited collegiality. Because I had never experienced that, I would have put "collegial" way down on a list of quality indicators in describing most colleges I had known. But eventually, after I heard this from so many people, it struck me that [collegiality] is a real distinguishing feature because this is so uncommon. The other thing that struck me after I'd been here for a

little while was that Maryville was college that was more devoted to liberal arts education, had a better understanding of a liberal arts education and a more persistent sense of mission than any place that I had seen. I remember saying not long after I'd gotten here that I believed if Isaac Anderson came back, he would still recognize the College as pursuing pretty much the same mission that he had in mind for it. And I would have to say that at most liberal arts colleges, a majority of the faculty and staff know little about the history of the place, and they have a very incomplete understanding of what a liberal arts education is, even though that's where they make their living.

FOCUS: AND YOU'VE SAID YOU NOTICED A DIFFERENCE IN THE ALUMNI HERE.

GIBSON: I did, sure. Rachel and I attended the April meeting of the Alumni Banquet after I knew we were coming here, but we hadn't moved here yet. We sat at that banquet and came out of the banquet, shaking our heads. We had never felt that kind of spirit in a place before. And we've sensed that [spirit] as we've traveled around the country and met with groups of alumni. There's just



Point of Pride: ENROLLMENT GROWTH

PRESIDENT GIBSON: "I'm certainly pleased that we've had the enrollment growth that we've had because that's so fundamental to everything else. ... And we've seen some improvement in student quality. Take high school GPA average, which is the most reliable indicator of success – the first year I was here, that was 3.17. Now, that number is about 3.55, 3.56, somewhere in that neighborhood. That is a significant improvement. Looking at the ACT test scores, the average has gone from 22.9 to 24.4 this year. That's a healthy increase."

Even before he moved into his office in Anderson Hall during the summer of 1993, Gibson knew what the College's fundamental problem was: Enrollment.

That fall, the total headcount was 752 – certainly not a historic low for modern-day MC, but in order for the College to operate efficiently and fund some necessary improvements, he knew that the student body had to grow. Going into his second fall, enrollment increased by 91, and gains were reported nearly every year after that. In the fall of 1999, the campus celebrated surpassing the 1,000-student mark, and in the fall of 2008, it celebrated a total headcount of 1,176, which is an enrollment record that still stands.

Raising enrollment numbers while also bringing in better-prepared students is no easy task, but both goals were included in the two strategic plans completed under Gibson's leadership. He and his vice presidents worked to recruit – and retain – those students who were good fits for the institution.

The Window of Opportunity Strategic Plan, approved by the Board in 2002, called for an enrollment of 1,200 by 2007. Gibson admits that there is still work to do on the enrollment front – and a related issue, reputation. Enrollment and retention goals are included in the new Bridge to Distinction Plan. (See page 7.)

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something – something present in those groups that is the same wherever we are.

FOCUS: THE COLLEGE'S HISTORY – HAS IT HELPED YOU LEAD THIS PLACE?

GIBSON: I actually don't think you can be a good leader unless you know the history of a place. I think that's essential. There's always a danger, an arrogance even, in coming into a place and behaving as if you know where it should go when you don't know where it's been. And knowing the history, you learn a lot about the traditions and values that have propelled the institution to the point of where it is. Knowing the history has helped me to appreciate the College, to

admire the people who've sacrificed to get it to the point where it is now and to have a sense of what kind of future it should have.

FOCUS: WHO ARE YOUR FAVORITE HISTORICAL FIGURES FROM THE COLLEGE?

GIBSON: Well, without question, my favorite figure is Samuel Tyndale Wilson. And I have been struck by the fact that he served as president in the early 20th century at the same point that I served in this century. The starting point wasn't the same, but 100 years ago, he was the president. And that was a period of progress for the College that I think was unprecedented until we get to the 1990s and early 21st Century.

And so I admire greatly what he accomplished. Of course, you have to admire Isaac Anderson for his commitment and persistence in getting the College through those very challenging years when he served as president. I can't imagine what it was like being responsible for an institution under the adverse circumstances that he faced.

FOCUS: WHAT DO YOU THINK ARE SOME OF THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES FACED BY HIGHER EDUCATION TODAY?

GIBSON: I think the biggest challenge is the inability that so many colleges have to be adaptable, or nimble, in a changing world. One of the most difficult environments in which you can try to bring

change about is a college. Colleges consist of people who are committed to what they are and what they do, and they don't want to change that. Meanwhile, the rest of the world is changing. And whether we are nimble enough to examine how the world is changing and decide what we need to do in response to it, I don't know. I don't know if we're capable of that. And by "we," I mean the whole college enterprise. Just to take one example – I am not an advocate of online learning as a substitute for education, but meanwhile, we've got so many students and parents who aren't looking for an education; they're looking for a *continued on page 21*

Point of Pride: THE RENEWAL OF THE CAMPUS

PRESIDENT GIBSON: "I've had community leaders tell me that there was a time when [the College] was the last place they'd show visitors, but now it's the first place they show visitors. Certainly with the Clayton Center, that's going to be even more true in the future than it has been in the past. The [appearance of the campus] is so fundamental to everything else that we want to do – the way we attract students, the way we attract donors to the College who want to invest in and support a College that they think is sound."

When Gibson arrived on campus in 1993, the only maintenance people seemed to talk about was deferred maintenance. While many buildings were, unquestionably, in poor condition, Gibson thought a lot of cosmetic improvements could be made without much money. He set out to improve curb appeal – and, in the process, change attitudes and improve morale.

Since 1993, Maryville College has seen approximately 10 new construction projects and 30 renovations or restorations.

Carnegie Hall, a residence hall was renovated and open for students by the fall of 1993 – a project outlined in the Vision '94 campaign. The next ribbon-cutting on campus took place four years later. And nearly every year since then, the College has celebrated the openings of new or renovated facilities.

Major construction projects have included Beeson Village, the Bartlett Hall Student Center, Fayerweather Hall, a trio of new buildings for the physical plant, Lloyd Hall, the McArthur Pavilion, Gibson Hall and the Clayton Center for the Arts.

Major restorations and renovations have included the Center for Campus Ministry, House in the Woods, Alexander House, Anderson Hall (exterior), International House, the Alumni Gymnasium and Davis, Gamble and Copeland residence halls.

All playing fields and courts have seen improvements. Numerous spaces inside Cooper Athletic Center (including the swimming pool) have also been repaired, restored or reconfigured.

Additionally, the College purchased the Court Street Apartments and assumed ownership of the Chilhowee Club. Morningside, the former home of the college's presidents, was leased to Ruby Tuesday, which renovated it as "RT Lodge," building complementary facilities and improving the surrounding gardens and grounds.

A campus beautification plan, implemented in 2002, resulted in new campus entrances, new landscaping, underground utilities, curbing and reconfigured parking, new entrance and ticket booths at Honaker Field, and an expanded and enhanced Humphreys Court.

The projects have been funded mostly through donor gifts and bond issues.





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diploma. And if they can get a diploma by online learning and it's an easier path, then what do you think they're going to be doing? And we see more and more and more of that going on. If we ever get to the point where enough people turn to online learning rather than learning on a residential campus, then the colleges are out of business. So I think that's a really big challenge. And I think it's made more dangerous by the fact that not enough people recognize it as a challenge. I'm not saying we should be conformed to the world – I'm saying we should take a realistic look at what's going on and decide what we do in the face of that.

FOCUS: ANY OTHER CHALLENGES?

GIBSON: I think a lot of people would say "how we're going to be able to afford education" is one, but a lot of that concern is perception rather than reality because people are just looking at

what the list price is for going to college. And I have not seen a lot of evidence that cost has become a serious impediment to people attending college. Now, it could become so. We certainly have greatly diminished government support for education. Federal support for education has not nearly kept pace with the rising cost of education. By "cost of education," I mean what it costs colleges to educate the students. But, at this point, there are so many different financial aid programs – in particular, those where college provides the discount up front, out of support out of their own funds. I don't see a danger of a collapse at this point in the financial structure and, therefore, the access to college. I don't see [financial access to college] as a major challenge to education in this century.

FOCUS: WHAT HAVE BEEN THE MOST CHALLENGING/MOST FRUSTRATING PARTS OF THIS JOB?

GIBSON: I think I'd have to say

that inertia is the most frustrating part of the job. It's frustrating to know, or to feel I know, what needs to be done and to have resistance to it because people can't imagine changing anything. But that's always been true, I think, in academe and not just at this college. At most colleges, there is almost automatic resistance to any new idea.

FOCUS: WHAT HAVE BEEN THE MOST REWARDING PARTS OF THIS JOB?

GIBSON: I would have to say the most enjoyable part has been working in an atmosphere that was incredibly collegial, where I felt trust and collegiality were the prevailing quality of the environment. That does as much to ease the challenge of leadership as inertia does in the opposite direction. Also, the satisfaction I felt in discovering that we had developed a culture of planning here. I think most people who work at the college – faculty or staff – can't imagine a future that



THIS IS MY COLLEGE...

CALVIN DUNCAN SOCIETY

THIS IS MY PROMISE

Point of Pride: GAINS IN FUNDRAISING

PRESIDENT GIBSON: "You always want to improve the financial position. If the stock market does not decline sharply again, our endowment will be at the \$55-million mark by the time of my retirement. That's still not where we need to be; we need to have at least \$100 million right now. Ideally, we need to have that much, but, there's always work to do on the financial front."

The value of Maryville College's endowment in 1993 and for five years prior to that was around \$12.5 million. It hadn't grown because College administrators were spending all of the money that was being earned by the endowment to operate the College. Gibson soon called for a halt to that practice, and the MC2000 Plan outlined a specific fundraising goal for endowment (\$2.2 million), as well as funding for two bricks-and-mortar projects and ongoing support of the Annual Fund (now called the Maryville Fund). The original MC2000 campaign fundraising goal was \$14 million but was soon raised to \$16 million when it became clear that the endowment growth would be surpassed.

In the end, the campaign raised \$22.2 million. During this period, the College also secured major grants from the Kresge and Teagle foundations and the U.S. Department of Education.

"Expanding the circle of friends" has become an overarching goal during Gibson's tenure, and several new programs have been put into place to assist

donors in their philanthropy and to recognize donors' support.

Emphasis was placed on adding members to the President's Circle, a society that recognized donors who contributed \$1,000 or more to the College annually.

The College's Society of 1819 was begun in 1997 with the intent to recognize and provide assistance to those donors who include the college in their estate and financial plans. Today, its membership numbers more than 265.

More focused programs to encourage senior class gifts and reunion class gifts have also aided MC's fundraising during the Gibson years. And both have led to growth in the College's Calvin Duncan Society, a group of alumni who, individually, make a promise to make a gift of some amount to MC each and every year of their lives. The Calvin Duncan Society was begun by the Class of 2002.

With the adoption of the Window of Opportunity Strategic Plan in 2002, planning began for what would become the most ambitious campaign ever undertaken at Maryville College. The \$83.3-million goal for the Window of Opportunity Campaign is more than Maryville College raised over the entire 20th Century, and almost four times the amount secured by the MC2000 Campaign. To date, the College has raised more than 93 percent of the goal. (Gibson outlines campaign progress in greater detail on page 26.)

Point of Pride: A CULTURE OF PLANNING

PRESIDENT GIBSON: “Progress consists of three steps: Dreaming, planning and acting. If you leave out any one of them, you don’t succeed. ... I’ve seen people at other places spend a lot of time creating a strategic plan that goes on a shelf and does not guide anybody on a day-to-day basis, and not much ever comes of it. The first strategic plan we ever had was the MC2000 Plan, and there were people who were very dubious of what we would accomplish. I remember one person asking, ‘Well, how much of this are we going to achieve?’ And I said, ‘Well, all of it. That’s why we have it in the plan.’ But that culture of planning is so important, and I knew we had arrived in that regard when the MC2000 Plan was complete, and I went to a faculty retreat and someone asked, ‘Well, what are we going to do now that we don’t have a strategic plan?’”

Upon his arrival on the Maryville College campus, Gibson didn’t waste any time in getting people at the College headed in the same direction. Board minutes from the September 1993 meeting show adoption of the “Maryville College 2000” planning process. By his inauguration a month later, Gibson was already calling on people to help make Maryville “the best possible college.”

The MC2000 period began in 1993, when various campus constituencies gathered for aspiration exercises and began asking themselves, “What would we like Maryville College to look like in the year 2000?” Aspiration exercises revealed that the College needed improvement in 11 areas, including reputation, enrollment and financial resources. When various groups of stakeholders were gathered in 2000 to “grade” the accomplishments of the MC2000 Plan, five areas received As, three received Bs and three received Cs.

And as the MC2000 Plan was wrapping up, work was beginning on the next strategic plan, which would be called the Window of Opportunity Plan after a quote from the late Baxter Lee. A member of the College’s Board of



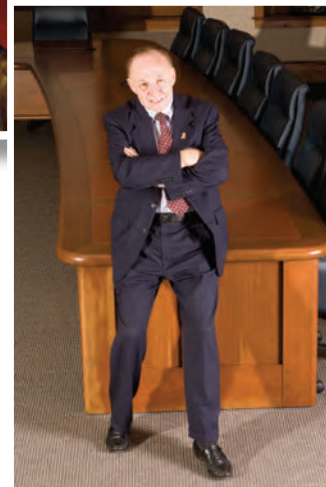
Directors, Lee said, in 1998, that Maryville College “had a window of opportunity to go on to greatness.”

A Traditions and Values Commission was convened on campus in early 2000, and nearly 120 people from the College’s various constituencies served on 10 different commissions. They formulated 29 objectives. The result was four “windows,” or vision statements, that outlined aspirations in reputation, the campus community, the faculty and staff and the learning environment.

Action plans were crafted, and Cabinet members and senior-level administrators were charged with monitoring progress.

“Never in Maryville’s history have so many people engaged in dreaming about and planning for a greater future for the College,” Gibson said when the plan was unveiled.

Six years later, the College would gather again to begin talks for a strategic plan that would position Maryville as a college of distinction. (See page 7.)



is not addressed in intentional way by a plan of some sort. And hearing stories – particularly from alumni – has been very rewarding. It’s helped me to get to know the College because, again, it’s not just the College of today but the College that preceded this one that’s important to know. And those stories helped more than the history books in some ways (or the period of history that they cover).

FOCUS: WHAT INITIATIVES/ PROJECTS/PROGRAMS DO YOU HOPE YOUR SUCCESSOR CARRIES ON?

GIBSON: I hope that the commitment to planning continues. I hope the commitment to the town-gown and church relationships continues. But I’ve long learned that you can’t have too many aspirations for what comes after. You just hope you leave things in good enough condition that they will serve as a solid foundation for the future.

... Whoever follows me is going to have his or her own values and aspirations, but I certainly hope that that person will take the time to get to know the history of the College and continue with those practices that I think can lead the College to the kind of destination that it deserves.

FOCUS: THE AVERAGE COLLEGE PRESIDENCY LASTS ABOUT 5-7 YEARS. WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THAT?

GIBSON: As an explanation, it probably comes from two things: One is the frequent aspirations of presidents to move up. In other words, to use one college as a stepping stone to another college. If they do that, they didn’t come in with a commitment to the college; they came in with a commitment to their careers. I don’t relate to that. I’ve had long staying power in any place where I’ve been because I’ve never come

in looking to use that [opportunity] as a way to get somewhere else. Secondly, I think there is a tendency to view the next president coming in as the salvation – the antidote to whatever had gone on that they didn’t like with the last president. And if that new person doesn’t come in and solve all of the problems they perceive right away, they grow impatient, and then there’s pressure on that side. I tend to divide people who want to become college presidents or vice presidents, for that matter, into two groups: There are the people who want to be something and the people who want to do something. The people who want to be something are the kind who use the college as a stepping stone. The people who want to do something measure their time more in terms of what gets accomplished. So, after big challenges are checked off, they eventually

reach a point where they can say, “I’ve just about done what I set out to do.”

FOCUS: WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO IN RETIREMENT?

GIBSON: More time to write and travel, primarily. And there may be other things that I’ll get involved in. A lot of retired college presidents do consultation and that kind of thing, but I haven’t actually started looking into any of those opportunities in any intentional way at this point. Rachel and I do plan to stay in Maryville. We own our home, all of the children are here, and we like the community. There’s no incentive to move elsewhere.

FOCUS: WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO WRITE?

GIBSON: I’d like to do a revision of *Good Start*, the book that I published when I was dean at Roanoke. I started doing some work on adding a chapter on teaching



Point of Pride: STRENGTHENING OF THE COLLEGE'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CHURCH



PRESIDENT GIBSON: "There are good indications that many of the other Presbyterian colleges consider us to be sort of a model with regard to church relations. We have a [Faith and Learning] Statement that was approved by the Board and the faculty. ... I think an important contribution to society can be made by colleges that have thought through what the moral implications of education should be as part of preparation for citizenship and leadership, and we are delivering that in a very intentional way."

Gibson was impressed by the College's Statement of Purpose when he first read it. He believed it to be clearly rooted in the Christian tradition, but wondered if the College lived by it and took it seriously. He formed a Faith and Learning Committee and tasked members to find ways to bring into harmony the rhetoric in the statement and what happens on the campus on a day-to-day basis. The result was a Faith and Learning Statement that explains the College's "church relatedness" and describes a campus environment that provides a quality education in a "spiritually reflective and ethically responsible manner."

In 2000, the College welcomed its inaugural Board of Church Visitors to campus, and a year later, it welcomed a director of church relations who began strengthening existing relationships with the PC(USA) Church and individual congregations locally, regionally and nationally, while building new relationships with other churches.

The Initiative on Vocation, launched in 2002 and initially funded through a grant from Lilly Endowment Inc., has enabled students to explore the underlying theological and philosophical roots of vocation and given them opportunities to explore possible callings in the ministry. The initiative has also funded scholarships, ministry-focused dinners, seminary trips, retreats for pastors and current MC students, and a summer program for high-school students.

The College's relationship with the Church has also been strengthened by Gibson's two terms on the board of the Association of Presbyterian Colleges and Universities.

at a church-related college, which is not in the [original]. A lot of stuff in the book is out of date now, and I need to go back and work on that. But I like other kinds of writing, too. I started writing a novel many years ago, and I'd write for a while and put it aside, and I finally got all of it done except for what I think are two chapters – but it's not the two chapters at the end; I knew how I wanted to end it. But I got to a certain point and couldn't think how to get from there to the end, so I may go back and work on that again. And I may even do some poetry again; I haven't in a long time.

FOCUS: WHAT WILL YOU MISS?

GIBSON: Well, certainly the association with students and with colleagues. Most people in this business will say that being with students takes years off your age. I think that's true, so I'm sure that I'll miss the association with students and colleagues with whom I've grown close after years of work.

FOR MORE RETIREMENT-RELATED NEWS, TURN TO THE INSIDE BACK COVER.



A *One-of-A-Kind* First Lady

Rachel Gibson talks about the rewards of the job

By Penny Gibbons, Staff Writer & Communications Coordinator



She has been First Lady of Maryville College for nearly 17 years, but Rachel Gibson wouldn't call it a job.

Naturally an extrovert, she says she enjoys attending alumni events, athletic games and a myriad of other events.

"That is sport and pleasure for me. I am fortunate that this is part of my role," she admits, adding that her experiences with the College have enriched her

she has ever met.

"Because of these powers of observation, Rachel always knows when there is a need – and never does she sense a need that she does not respond."

Such responses include helping freshmen move into their rooms, cooking meals, keeping in touch with retired faculty and staff, and delivering Halloween pumpkins, just to name a few.

"Rachel is always a step ahead, making people feel special," continues Naylor.

FROM FARM TO CAMPUS

She was raised on a tobacco and beef farm between Clarksville and Dickson, Tenn. The youngest of four children, Rachel had many of the traditional farm chores: milking cows, feeding pigs and tending to the garden.

Her pursuit of higher education took her many places, including Austin Peay State University, the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, The Citadel, Spartanburg Methodist College and the College of Charleston.

Rachel lived with her sister while attending summer school in 1968 at Spartanburg Methodist College in South Carolina. Her sister's future husband brought a friend to dinner one night.

That friend was College of Charleston chemistry professor Dr. Gerald Gibson. Rachel and the professor started dating soon after.

"I knew on the first date that I was going to marry him," she recalls telling her sister. They were married six weeks later.

Rachel moved to Charleston with her new husband and finished her bachelor's degree in secondary education in 1969 at the College of Charleston. Her first teaching job was, in her words, "the hardest job on earth," teaching reading and science to 7th graders.

While raising the couple's three children, she worked on the side as a studio potter, a passion that she pursued for nearly 20 years, selling her handmade creations at museum shops and craft shows.

OPPOSITES ATTRACT

Many who know the couple say that they are opposites. Rachel concurs.

"Gerald is organized, and I am not," she explains. "He is very self-directed, and I can mess around and not have a goal in mind."

However, she is quick to point out that they were drawn to each other intuitively. They share the "N" (intuition) function of the popular personality assessment, the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator. (For the record, Mrs. Gibson is an ENTP and the president is an INFJ.)

The down-to-earth first lady believes that she

complements her husband with her contrasts. Apparently, Dr. Gibson agrees.

"I could have been a better president if I had had some of her personality traits. She has all the charisma that I lack," he says.

Reflecting upon his presidency, Mrs. Gibson is most proud of his integrity and ability to get people to work together. She says that he is able to assess a situation, plan what needs to be done and then carry out that detailed plan.

"Some people view [presidency] as a career. Gerald views it as a calling. He has a vision, not just a title," she explains.

Acknowledging that the role of president can be isolating in some respects, Rachel feels she has best supported her husband by being his friend and companion.

The impact on Dr. Gibson is clear.

"...I don't think I could have survived [this presidency] without her," he admits.

ADVICE FOR HER SUCCESSOR

So, what kind of advice does the seasoned first lady have for the spouse of MC's next president?

"Be yourself. Don't force yourself to be someone you're not. Don't take on responsibilities you're not suited for," she offers.

This advice was gleaned from years of experience, as she turned down many opportunities to lead committees and boards because "they weren't a good fit." Instead, she chooses to volunteer in their church and teach Bible study.

Now on the verge of retirement, Mrs. Gibson doesn't expect any major changes.

"I don't think I'll wake up depressed because I'm not first lady anymore...I married a chemistry professor. I never dreamed I'd live in Tennessee again or be a first lady," she states.

Noting that the College has been the bulk of their social lives, she says that they plan to continue attending ball games, Founder's Day dinner and the like.

After all, Rachel feels that Maryville College is her alma mater. She believes that the collegiality and strong sense of community makes the College unique.

"From the beginning of Gerald's presidency, she has been 100 percent supportive of the College," adds Naylor. "As an enthusiastic recruiter, an avid sports fan and patron of the arts, she is an all-around hard worker."

And these are roles that Mrs. Gibson will, no doubt, easily retain long after she steps out of the role of First Lady of Maryville College.



Above: Rachel and Gerald Gibson at the time of his inauguration as MC president. Below: Rachel works alongside Alida McArthur Graves '69 during a recent Kin Takahashi Week.

personal life to a point where they "have far outweighed any first lady duties" she has accomplished.

The most rewarding aspect of being first lady, Rachel says, is meeting a variety of interesting people locally and nationally. She makes every effort to accompany her husband in his travels.

"Visiting with people who are enthusiastic about their school and interested in making a place better" is a highlight of traveling, according to Rachel.

And people are drawn to her.

"She has a great ability to sit down and interact with people as if she's always known them," shares President Gibson. "And the first thing you know, they'll tell her everything and ask for her advice. It's remarkable. It comes out of her genuine interest in other people. And I think people pick up on that."

Close friend Susan Keith Naylor '79, wife of former MC Vice President and Dean Dr. Robert Naylor, says Rachel is the most observant person

PHOTO BY PETER COATS '09



The Gibson family today – Jay and Holly Gibson Yalove and daughters Alexandra and Madeline; Rachel and Gerald; **Laura Gibson '97**; **Amanda Smeltzer Gibson '01** and **Paul Gibson '00**.

At Home IN MARYVILLE

At the time of Gerald Gibson's inauguration as Maryville College's 10th president in 1993, his and Rachel's children were 22, 18 and 15 years of age.

The oldest, Holly, had just graduated from Roanoke College, and daughter Laura had just started her freshman year there. Son Paul had enrolled at Maryville High School.

Today, the children are adults and, much to their parents' delight, all live in the Maryville area.

Holly Gibson Yalove and husband Jay have two daughters: Alexandra, age 5, and Madeline, age 3. Holly works in sales and customer service at her brother's business while Jay works in finance.

Laura Gibson '97, transferred to Maryville in 1995 and graduated in 1997. She now works for the College and University Professional Association (CUPA) in Knoxville, Tenn., in human resources and marketing development.

Paul Gibson '00 is self-employed as a web designer and married to pharmacist **Amanda Smeltzer Gibson '01**.

Active and involved citizens of Blount County for the last 17 years, the family has no plans to relocate.

"It was never our intention to move away," declares Rachel. "Maryville is our home."



Holly, Paul and Laura Gibson in 1993.



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Our Window of Opportunity *A reflection on the campaign and strategic plan*

By Dr. Gerald W. Gibson | President

The MC2000 Plan was Maryville’s first strategic plan. At its completion in the year 2000, the vast majority of the objectives it included had been achieved. This plan created a rare window of opportunity for Maryville College. The late director and friend of the College, Baxter Lee, called for us to take full advantage of this window, and to assure that Maryville would “go on to greatness.”

The successful achievement of ambitious objectives requires that every strategic plan be accompanied by a fundraising campaign, and the MC2000 Campaign raised a total of \$22.2 million, the most successful campaign in Maryville history to that point. With these funds and the work of many committed people, we saw the

confidence about the future Isaac Anderson’s College could claim.

With Board approval of the even more ambitious Window of Opportunity Plan in 2002, a fundraising campaign of unprecedented magnitude was called for, and the Board, encouraged by the success of the MC2000 Campaign and inspired by the bold vision of the Window of Opportunity Plan, approved the \$83.3-million Window of Opportunity Campaign. To put this goal into perspective, \$83.3 million is more than Maryville College had raised over the entire sweep of the 20th Century, and almost four times the amount secured by the MC2000 Campaign.

We started out on the formidable quest in 2002 and were blessed that the timing was propitious.

“\$83.3 million is more than Maryville College had raised over the entire sweep of the 20th century, and almost four times the amount secured by the MC2000 Campaign.”

endowment of the College increased by 72 percent, a campus master plan created, the Center for Campus Ministry restored, Beeson Village built, Bartlett Hall renovated and expanded to create a new student center, new campus walks and lighting added, a new Educational Technology program instituted, the library fully automated, and much more. The results gave us

“The stars were aligned,” as some have put it. Usually, they are referring to the largest component of the campaign, what we were at that point calling the “Civic Arts Center,” with a \$47.3-million price tag, accounting for 56 percent of the total campaign goal.

A prominent objective of the Window of Opportunity Plan was worded: “A newly

constructed Center for the Fine and Performing Arts will significantly enhance the educational offerings of the College and integrate community and regional activity in the arts.” This was the College’s opportunity to serve the larger community while serving its students, to become a major cultural center for the region while significantly elevating its educational programs in the arts. This proved to be an attractive vision for both political and philanthropic leaders. The cities of Maryville and Alcoa signed on as partners. Senator Lamar Alexander, who had as a boy taken piano lessons on this campus, helped us secure federal funding for the project. Governor Phil Bredesen, who recognized the value to East Tennessee, assisted with state funds. And, the Clayton family made a most important financial commitment that replaced “Civic Arts Center” with the name it will bear for the generations ahead – “Clayton Center for the Arts.”

Kevin Clayton proved to be essential to the success of this major piece of the campaign. His enthusiasm for the project and his effectiveness in motivating others brought new, generous donors to make investments.

Beyond the creation of the Clayton Center, the Window of Opportunity Campaign brought other important accomplishments:

- The endowment of the College more than doubled in value.
- Anderson Hall received a thorough exterior renovation.
- Two new residence halls have been built and four others renovated.
- The Center for Strong Communities, the Center for Calling & Career, and the Office of International Programming have been established.
- The Campus Beautification and Improvement Plan has been completed.

All told, through this historic campaign, 93 percent of those ambitious objectives of the Window of Opportunity Plan have been achieved.

I am grateful to the many people, both on campus and off, who responded generously to Baxter Lee’s inspirational call for Maryville College to go on to greatness.





In this photo from 2002, **Mary Swain Wood '29** looks over illustrations created for the early "Dick & Jane" children's book series.

MC RECEIVES LARGEST BEQUEST *in College History*

A lack of money and the Great Depression kept **Mary Swain Wood '29** from finishing her degree at Maryville College. But nearly 80 years later, a bequest that she established for the College – the largest in its history – guarantees that many students will not have to leave as she did.

Wood, 99, passed away in Dallas, Tex., on May 16, 2007. A faithful and generous supporter of Maryville throughout her lifetime, she made plans for the establishment of the Alfred M. and Mary Swain Wood Endowed Scholarship upon her death. Last year, MC President Dr. Gerald W. Gibson received word that the College's portion of the Wood estate – \$7.6 million – would fund

the scholarship program.

The Woods believed in the transforming power of education and supported their alma maters and other educational institutions for decades.

After attending Maryville College for three years, Mary became a primary school teacher in Eminence, Ky., before beginning a successful 21-year career as an educational consultant for two book publishers, the American Book Company and Scott Foresman & Company. With Scott Foresman, she traveled the country promoting the company's "Dick & Jane" children's book series.

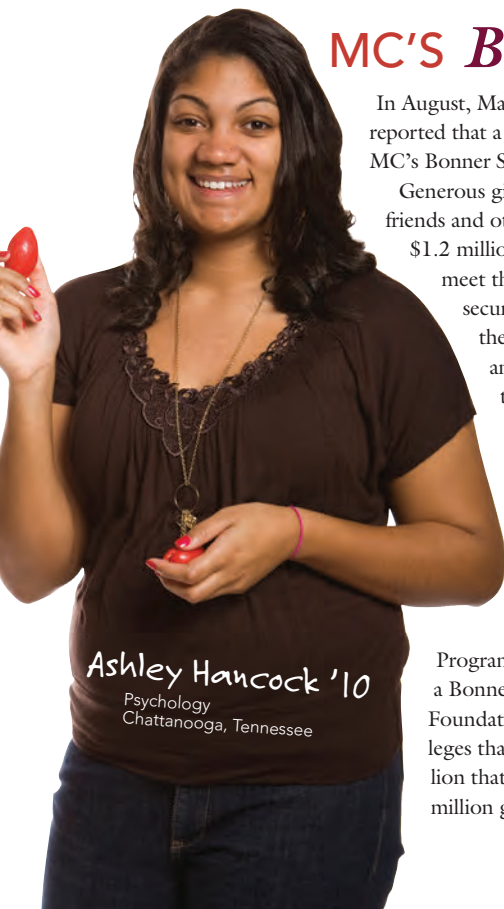
She continued her education at the University

of Kentucky and the University of Chicago. Although she enjoyed her professional successes, Mary was always bothered by the fact she never received her degree from Maryville, according to those who knew her.

In 2006, Maryville College bestowed an honorary bachelor's degree on Mary during a ceremony at the Dallas Country Club.

Following her death, the Wood estate was distributed to many of the couple's favorite charities, including their church, Berea College and Hospital, Harvard University, Centre College, Austin College and several foundations.

"Mary Swain Wood was a wonderful Maryville College alumna whose commitment to the Maryville mission was unsurpassed," said Gibson. "Her generosity over the years was a blessing, and this gift, the largest in the history of the College, will have an impact on students for years to come."



Ashley Hancock '10
Psychology
Chattanooga, Tennessee

MC'S *Bonner Scholars Program* ENDOWED

In August, Maryville College administrators reported that a fundraising challenge to endow MC's Bonner Scholars Program had been met.

Generous gifts from alumni, parents, friends and other donors totaling more than \$1.2 million helped Maryville College meet the \$2 million goal necessary to secure a \$4.5 million match from the Princeton, N.J.-based Corella and Bertram F. Bonner Foundation.

In 2007, the Bonner Foundation announced that it would phase out its annual support of several member colleges and offered an opportunity for those colleges to assure the permanence of Bonner Scholars

Programs through the establishment of a Bonner endowment. To that end, the Foundation issued a challenge to colleges that required each to raise \$2 million that would be matched by a \$4.5 million grant.

Maryville College had until Aug. 1 to raise the necessary funds.

To bridge a gap between fundraising totals and the \$2 million goal, college officials temporarily placed unrestricted endowment funds in the Bonner account.

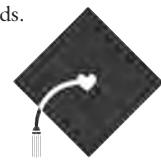
"We did not want to forfeit the tremendous offer made by the Bonner Foundation. Endowment of this vital program helps ensure servant leadership, education and community building in our cities and neighborhoods for generations to come," explained Holly Jackson-Ludlow, vice president for advancement and community relations. "However, the additional \$800,000 needed to secure the match were pulled from other areas and will need to be replaced as soon as possible."

Fundraising has shifted to focus on unrestricted dollars for the general endowment, Jackson-Ludlow added.

Donations may be sent to Maryville College, Office of Advancement, 502 E. Lamar Alexander Pky., Maryville, TN 37804. Questions should be directed to Jackson-Ludlow at 865.273.8884 or holly.ludlow@maryvillecollege.edu.

The Bonner Scholars Program, which operates on 22 campuses across the country, gives a select number of students substantial scholarship dollars in return for community service hours.

Since the Bonner Scholars Program was implemented at Maryville College in 1991, it is estimated that more than 250,000 hours of service have been given to local nonprofits and churches, as well as programs in Africa and Latin America.



EAKES TEACHES OTHERS TO “pay it forward”

Maryville College donor Doris Eakes visited Maryville College on Oct. 27 to have lunch with the student recipients of the Joe D. & Doris W. Eakes Scholarship and Dr. May Kay Sullivan, who has been Joe D. Eakes Chair of Business for the last decade. Also in attendance at the luncheon was Dr. John Gallagher, associate professor of management, who will carry the title when Sullivan retires in May. (See story, page 12.)

Student recipients of the scholarship include **Kyle McClung '11, Will Donovan '11, Kirsten Dyer '10 and Erin Penrod '12** (who was unable to attend the luncheon).

Ms. Eakes began funding the scholarships and professorship in 2000 on the occasion of her late husband's birthday. She is a firm believer in the concept of “paying it forward,” explaining that

these funds allow her to “invest” in professors and students who have a commitment to make a difference in the future of others. Each scholarship recipient is required to read *Pay It Forward* by Catherine Ryan Hyde, as well as sign a contract of sorts that they will “pay forward” their gift by helping others.

For more information on how to set up a new scholarship or endowed professorship, please contact Holly Jackson-Ludlow, vice president of advancement and community relations at holly.ludlow@maryvillecollege.edu or 865.273.8884.



During a recent visit to campus, Doris Eakes (second from right) met scholarship recipients (l-r) Will Donovan '11, Kirsten Dyer '10 and Kyle McClung '11.

CAMPAIGNS LAUNCHED TO PUT *Harter, Schoen* NAMES IN CLAYTON CENTER

Two separate campaigns are currently underway to name spaces in the new Clayton Center for the Arts for legendary music professors.

In November 2009, the Choral Note Society, a group of Maryville-area musicians and music supporters, announced that it would be raising \$250,000 to name the choral rehearsal room for the late Harry Harter, who directed the Maryville College Concert Choir for 34 years and chaired the College's Fine Art Division from 1964 until 1981.

Harter, who was recognized with the Maryville College Medallion in 1998, passed away in 2004.

In January 2010, **Susanne Schoen Vest '78**, pledged to help name a practice room in the new Center for her parents, Victor R. Schoen and Sallie Warth Schoen.

“Vic” Schoen taught several fine arts courses, including music theory and music history for 40 years and was an accomplished composer and musician. Sallie was an accomplished pianist who taught at the College from 1954 until her death in 1994. Vic passed away in 2004.

Construction on the facility, which is located on the MC campus, is complete. A grand opening for the public is set for March 25-28. (See pages 8-9.)

Anyone interested in donating to

either the Harter or Schoen campaign is encouraged to contact Holly Ludlow-Jackson, vice president for advancement and community relations, at 865.273.8884 or holly.ludlow@maryvillecollege.edu.

Dr. Harry Harter



The Schoens

CLAYTON CENTER WELCOMES NEW STEINWAYS

The Clayton Center now has two new Steinway concert grand pianos thanks to a group of donors who raised \$210,000 for the purchase.

The Grand Players Society, organized by Dr. Fred and Mrs. Jane Tollhurst of Maryville, gathered to celebrate Feb. 1 when the Steinways were delivered to campus.

Twenty-five local individuals and families supported this effort, including a couple of surprise gifts. Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN) and his wife Honey responded to publicity regarding the campaign by providing funds for one of the two pianos. That Steinway will be named “The Alexander” in honor the senator's parents, Andrew and Flo Alexander, who met in 1931 when they were students at Maryville College.

Robert Hutchens, executive director of the Clayton Center, said that the Grand Players' gifts guarantee that the main stage and recital hall will have excellent pianos.

“Many of the very best concert pianists require Steinways, and having them will attract such artists,” he added.



STEINWAY & SONS





CLASS notes

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The College received information printed below between April 1, 2009 and Oct. 31, 2009. Class notes received after Nov. 1, 2009 should appear in the next issue of *Alumni News & Notes*.

1932

M. Ruth Guthrie is the oldest member of her church and assisted living home in Asheville, N.C.

1936

Raymond J. Wilbar recently returned from safari in Tanzania.

1939

Irma Souder Baker had her 74th Dance Recital on May 3, 2009. She writes, "If everyone danced, there would be no war. If everyone danced, they could still be active at 92. If everyone danced, they would have fun, be happy and healthy." She performed a split at the end of her recital.

1942

Amy M. Palmer has moved to Texas to be near her family.

1943

Octavia Edwards still plays the piano for Assisted Living Ridgcrest Retirement Center and for her church, First Presbyterian Church in Mount Airy, N.C.

1945

Jane Short Hower recently had a book published. *Seven Sisters of Our Faith* is a collection of stories about seven Old Testament women, told in first person.

1947

W. A. Kemp won the bronze medal in the 80-84 age bracket in horseshoes at the 2009 Senior Games in San Jose, Calif. He said that he still can't believe two others were better than he was!

1949

Bette Alverson Coul Curran and husband Henry Curran recently celebrated their 10th anniversary.

1950

C. Charlton Mabry, professor of pediatrics and head of the Division of Metabolism at the University of Kentucky, was recently recognized for his service by the Kentucky Legislature. He paved the road to expanded metabolic screening for newborns, which was implemented in 2005 state law.

1952

Bettie Carroll Elwood is the organizing director of the McMinn County Anti-Drug Coalition and president and CEO for Little Children of the World in Etowah, Tenn.

1953

Phyllis West Dadisman's husband, Neal, passed away on Oct. 22, 2008 in Greensboro, N.C.

1955

Frances Morris Bailey and her husband celebrated their 50th anniversary on May 21, 2008.

Robert Hyne welcomed his first great-granddaughter into the world on Jan. 9, 2008, in Naperville, Ill.

Barbara Innes Smith and her husband celebrated their 53rd anniversary in September 2009.

1956

James Laster reprised the role of Poseidon in the Theatre of the First Amendment's remounting of the play "Five Variations on the Art of Aphrodite," May 1, 2009, Fairfax, Va. He was the guest for the induction ceremony of new members into the International Thespian Society at Fauquier County High School, Warrenton, Va., June 3, 2009. He played the role of Weller Martin in "The Gin Game," July 18 – Aug. 15, 2009 at the Wayside Theatre. He and wife **Madlon Travis Laster** recently celebrated their 50th anniversary.

1957

Dick Jensen and wife Marty celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 27, 2009 in Greenville, S.C., with their two children and two grandchildren.

Barbara Wilkie Tedford is president of the Higdon Family Association, Inc. She is also president of West Virginia AAUW and was a delegate to the National Convention in St. Louis, Mo., June 25-28, 2009.

1958

Carolyne Cones Fields and husband Mark have moved to Celebration, Fla. to be near their daughter.

Sue Settle Snijders wrote that it has been five years since her daughter, her dad and her husband died within four months of each other. She is busy with church activities, volunteering with hospice and creative writing. Her five grandchildren live in her town of Grand Rapids, Mich.

1959

Betty Boone Best and husband Herman celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception hosted by their children on Sept. 13, 2009.

Marjorie Hunter Cantley has been retired for nine years and counting! She lives in Cope, S.C., where church, grandchildren and traveling keep her life very busy and interesting.

Elizabeth Bixler Fortunato's granddaughter **Sarah Beth Cruze '11** is attending Maryville College. She is very proud of her and her accomplishments.

Esther Balph Holgate's 40-year-old daughter, Angela, passed away in 2009.

Joan Marston is a substitute teacher in the Miami-Dade Public Schools in Miami, Fla.

Susan Parkinson Pearson and husband **Ron Pearson '61** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 19, 2009 with

Bruce Greenawalt '59 completed a blog site on Xanga.com under the name BruceStephan so classmates can recall events from 50 years ago.

a houseboat journey on the Kentucky Lakes with their two daughters and their families.

1960

Elaine Bringer Boyer is currently semi-retired, remodeling a home, working part-time as a substitute teacher, Reiki Master Teacher and volunteer as a chaplain and pastor in Middleport, Pa.

Edgar W. Smith, Jr. works part-time editing translations of German encyclopedia articles. He and wife **Cheryl E. Smith '61** live in Grand Rapids, Mich., and enjoy hiking, cross country skiing and visiting their son in Montana. Cheryl recently retired from teaching.

1962

Charles Feast and wife **Sandra Malone Feast '63** have both retired (except for three months a year when Charles prepares income tax returns) and live in Marietta, Ga. Their three-year-old grandson, Turner, keeps them busy the rest of the time.

Clyde Flanagan, Jr. teaches medical students and general/child psychiatry residents. He also continues to see patients. He loves his work and lives on the shores of Lake Murray, Chapin, S.C., his "pot of gold at the end of the rainbow."

Dorsey "Dan" Ellis, Jr. '60 received the Distinguished Faculty Award on Nov. 8, 2008 from Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. In July 2008, he was appointed Dean Emeritus and William R. Orthwein Distinguished Professor of Law Emeritus. He continues to teach in the law school and serves as academic director of the Transnational Law Program.



MARRIAGES & UNIONS

Barbara Zartman '73
to Gregory Howard, 2007

Jennifer Moore '96
to Cory Mason
Sept. 2, 2008

Jennifer Brashears '97
to Steven Spieth
July 19, 2008

Rebecca Stephens '97
to David Smithy
Sept. 27, 2008

Sabrina Damrow '00
to Christopher Talley
June 27, 2009

Teri Green '00
to **Jonathan Freeman '00**
June 21, 2009

Sarah Overholt '00
to Travis Stinnett
Oct. 24, 2009

Suzanne Benton '02
to Joel Collier
Aug. 8, 2009

Arynda Cogburn '02
to Joshua Nichols
June 27, 2009

Crystal Smith '02
to Richard Manning
Feb. 22, 2009

Elizabeth Benton '03
to John Nicholson
June 13, 2009

Amelia Keller '03
to **Christopher Baker '04**
Dec. 6, 2008

Anne Schmutzer '03
to John Lattimore, 2009

1963

Paul Elliott's play, "Finding the Burnett Heart," premiered worldwide on April 2, 2009 at the Detroit Repertory Theatre in Michigan.

1964

Roger Thompson retired from storytelling. His son, Ben, has taken over "Sheepshank Sam," the tall tale storytelling character he played for many years throughout Michigan.

1965

Victoria Green Cothroll retired in January 2009 after 30 years in the library field. Most recently, she was director of the Oregon Public Library in Oregon, Wis. She and husband Ed recently moved to Madison, Wis.

John Steele was elected mayor of Cleveland, Tenn., in Nov. 2009 after serving eight years on the town's Board of Commissioners.

Randall Wells and wife Marjory recently retired to Floyd, Va.

1966

George Derbyshire is still working as athletic director at Manheim Central Elementary schools in Manheim, Pa. He has also spent 30 years as a freelance disc jockey in the Lancaster County (Pa.) area.

Margaret Blaine Gross underwent a below-knee amputation in Sept 2009 due to serious infection. Adjusting to a prosthesis, she hopes to return to more active membership at St. John's Episcopal Church in Hagerstown, Md.

Hugh McCampbell '66 presented a benefit piano concert on Feb. 6, 2010 at First United Methodist Church in Sweetwater, Tenn. Proceeds benefited the Prostate Cancer Foundation, local Boy Scouts and the Sweetwater Valley Citizens for the Arts. Concert-goers were invited to a post-concert reception at the McCampbell's home.

William Wood's daughter

Caroline is a student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, majoring in Spanish and international studies. His son Ben lives in Boone, N.C., and works in the construction industry. His mother **Polly Hudspeth Wood '40** is 89 years old and attended MC's Homecoming 2009. They recently visited with **John R. Moore '47** and his children from Chicago.

1967

Joyce Pigge traveled to Valdelavilla, Spain, last summer to participate in Pueblo Ingles and to Turnberry, Scotland, for The British Open.

William "Jerry" Weeks has retired after 38 years of pastoral ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. He and wife **Marian McCauley Weeks '70** recently moved back to Maryville, Tenn. He is also doing interim transitional ministry for the Southeastern Synod of the ELCA. They are busy gardening, cooking and enjoying the good life with the occasional visit to see their grandchildren in Kansas and Wisconsin.

1968

Gary Phillips has been inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame as the "Outstanding American" on Sept. 20, 2009. He is presently serving as the state coordinator/administrator for Georgia high school wrestling programs.

1969

Penny Ferguson recently attended a National Endowment for the Humanities Landmarks of American History and Culture workshop. She was one of the 40 participants selected for the "Emily Dickinson: Person, Poetry and Place" session. She plans to implement her new knowledge by revamping her Dickinson lesson and creating a curriculum project at Maryville High School.

Craig Rigell, director of the Athens City Schools, was named Southeast Tennessee's "Superintendent of the Year" during the recent annual meeting of the Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents. Prior to being named to the top position in Athens nine years ago, Rigell was a science teacher, vice principal and principal in the Oak Ridge (Tenn.) School System.

Wallace Wilson has been enjoying various professional experiences as a violinist, registered piano technician in the Piano Technicians Guild, and Presbyterian pastor for the past 36 years.

1970

Harry Burnette's body of work recently won him recognition from the national College of Labor and Employment Lawyers in Washington, D.C. The 61-year-old lawyer was inducted into the prestigious organization in Nov. 2009, joining about 1,000 members across the country. Members must have at least 20 years of experience and proven excellence in the field. He is the first lawyer to be inducted from Chattanooga, Tenn.



Joel Tome has maintained a permanent home in Greensboro, N.C., for the past 25 years while working and traveling as a computer systems consultant for numerous companies. He currently lives in Atlanta while working as a UNIX systems administrator at the Center for Disease Control. Recent travels have taken him to Montreal, Canada and Buenos Aires, Argentina.

1971

Sue Ann Livingston has a new job working at Columbus Arthritis Center (Ohio) as a clinical research coordinator.

Ron Robertson and wife Kathleen recently became owners of "The Good Books," a Christian bookstore in Red Bluff, Calif. Ron plans to retire from teaching in February 2010, after 33 years in education.

James Showalter is in his 22nd year of teaching at Langston University (Oklahoma). Eldest son Thomas is an aide in the U.S. Senate Majority Education sub-committee in Washington, D.C. Son David is a sophomore at the University of Chicago.

Lynda Luck Stansbury has moved back to Dallas, Tex., and is working at Southern Methodist University as a major gifts officer.

1972

A. King Bennett is working as a buyer for DuPont and is a member of a band in Newark, Del.

Caroline Munn Best recently retired from teaching mathematics at Pellissippi State Technical Community College in Knoxville, Tenn.

Julia Sthresley Henderson and husband Greg live in Signal Mountain, Tenn. Julia is the vice-president and director of risk management at Fletcher Bright Company, a shopping center developer for Wal-Mart and Target stores. Daughter Caroline

graduated from Arizona State University and lives in Gilbert, Ariz. Daughter Mary graduated from the University of Tennessee and lives in Chattanooga, Tenn.

1973

Carol Newill is serving as an elder at Brown Memorial Park Avenue Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, Md. The diverse congregation has a strong sense of mission in the city and around the world. She said that the church has beautiful music and a great preacher.

1974

Carolyn Graham Bradley and husband Mike are enjoying living in Georgia and in their second home on the farm in Marshall, N.C. In addition to working full-time, they have developed a grass-fed beef company that serves customers in the Southeast.

Steven Douglas and wife **Deborah Welch Douglas '77** write that son Zach earned his master's degree in mechanical engineering from Georgia Tech and is living in Florida with his new wife. Daughter Alexandra graduated from college and is interning with the Friends Committee on National Legislation in Washington, D.C.

Kent Smith has been promoted to manager of software development on the National Harmony Project at the Department of Defense's National Ground Intelligence Center. His son spent his junior year at the University of Lancaster (England) studying Islamic culture and history.

Anna Turner Woolard retired in June 2008 after 33 years in the classroom, but keeps busy as a substitute teacher at Lakeside Junior High School in Orange Park, Fla.

Esther Yardumian-Smyth has been teaching 12th grade

English, advanced placement English and drama for 16 years. She has also directed all of the high school plays during that time. She has been the English department chair for seven years and serves as the resident director of the girls' dormitory at Academy of the New Church in Bryn Athyn, Pa.

1975

Steve Ayers retired from Western Carolina University's faculty and worked in the theatre's education staff. He also portrayed Norman Thayer in Cumberland County Playhouse's "On Golden Pond" in January 2009.

Melanie Kohn Day works at Virginia Commonwealth University's School of the Arts as director of opera theatre. She also works as artistic director of the Opera festival di Roma in Italy.

Anna Prochazka Long served as elder commissioner at the 2008 meeting of General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Tokyo, Japan. She also toured Beijing, Xi'an and Kunming in China, ending with a stop in Hong Kong. Working part-time in the Cass County (Illinois) Circuit Clerk's Office has also allowed her to go on various mission trips to Haiti, Colombia, Pine Ridge Reservation and areas where disasters have occurred.

Charlene Reams Reinauer and husband **David Reinauer** moved into their new lake house in Winnisquam, N.H., in July 2008 and celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary in July 2009. Charlene is a real estate agent for BH&G-The Masiello Group and David is an engineer for 3-Com Corp.

1977

William Bone owns a practice in family medicine in Cantonment,



MARRIAGES & UNIONS

Jack Dennis '04
to Suzanne Cada
July 11, 2009

Lydia Edrington '04
to **Derrick Harmon '06**
March 15, 2009

Jerry King '04
to Jamie Darton
June 13, 2009

Britton Leitch '04
to Robyn Quattlebaum
July 26, 2009

Kathryn Smith '04
to Chadwick Boruff
Sept. 6, 2008

Michael Werner, II '04
to Melanie Luttrell
Aug. 8, 2008

Richard Burchfield '05
to Akiko Mizuno
July 11, 2009

Edward Mendence '05
to Mallorie Evans
Sept. 13, 2009

Jenna Wade '06
to Joshua Bryant
June 6, 2009

Eric Weatherbee '06
to Brittany White
May 16, 2009

Andrew Diggs '07
to **Hope O'Connor '08**
Aug. 15, 2009

Amanda Estes '07
to Kent Leatherwood
June 27, 2009

Ramona Ferguson '07
to **Benjamin Crawford '07**
Nov. 1, 2009



MARRIAGES & UNIONS

Whitney Garner '07
to Steven Boring
Oct. 25, 2008

Crystal Harper '07
to Timothy Fallesen
June 1, 2007

Carrie Hyde '07
to Randall Barnes
Sept. 19, 2009

Jessica Kitchens '07
to Joshua Lewis
April 18, 2009

Kristie Taylor '07 to
Jason Kughler
Oct. 4, 2009

Sarah Wallace Brown '08
to Jeremy Carroll
June 6, 2009

Megan Burgess '08
to **Steve Buckner '08**
June 28, 2008

Katelin Helton '08
to **MyKael Williamson '08**
Feb. 28, 2009

Izaak Standridge '08
to **Annie Brown '11**
Aug. 8, 2008

Rebecca Thompson '08
to **Kevin Hunley '07**
June 27, 2009

Dana Troutman '08
to John Haines
June 9, 2009

Amy Watkins '08
to Jonathan Willis
Sept. 27, 2008

William R. "Trey" Brewer '09
to **Brett Jacobsen '10**
July 4, 2009

Ed Rupp '72 has been in broadcasting for more than 30 years and currently works as traffic reporter for WBIR-TV and WIVK-FM in Knoxville, Tenn. He recently participated in the Foothills Regional Memory Walk to raise awareness and money for the Alzheimer's Association. MC's Men's Basketball Coach **Randy Lambert '76** joined Rupp at the walk, held on the College's campus.

Fla., and works as an emergency room physician at a local hospital. He and wife **Nancy Millner Bone** are active at Hillcrest Baptist Church where Nancy started a quilting ministry. She continues to pursue her love of art by designing quilts, doing watercolor and home decor. Both are enjoying their grown daughters and two grandchildren.

Roderick Jackson is currently employed as executive director of the Blount County Children's Home in Maryville, Tenn. He is also working on a master's degree in social work at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

Veronica Sawdon Kosky taught English in Kabul, Afghanistan, from October 2008 through February 2009 as part of her teaching duties at the Defense Language Institute at Lackland, Air Force Base in San Antonio, Tex. She said that life in a war zone brings new perspective!

1978

Susan "Leigh" Guyer Birch has been an interim pastor in six different congregations over the last decade, most recently serving at First Presbyterian Church in Windom, Minn. **Husband William "Clyde" Birch '68** is also a Presbyterian minister. The pastor emeritus at Windom First, **Charles Reid '53**, officiated at Susan and Bill's 25th anniversary renewal of vows service in February 2008. Susan is currently on medical disability, but hopes to return to ministry in the future.

William Brewer, Jr. was recently

elected vice president of the Tennessee General Sessions Judges Conference, representing all general sessions judges and municipal judges from the East Tennessee region. In this position, Brewer, as a member of the conference's executive committee, is responsible for leadership of the conference, proposing areas of focus for legislation initiatives, helping plan for continuing legal education programs and generally promoting the efficient and prompt administration of justice.

Tillman Crane has been hosting workshops in Maine on different aspects of photography, such as soft focus photography, extraordinary images in ordinary places, platinum printing in the 21st century and the self-published photography book.

Rebecca Huisinga Gibbons has relocated to Nashville, Tenn., where she is the corporate director of Laboratory Operations for Vanguard Health Systems. Both of her children attend the University of Central Florida where her daughter is pursuing a master's degree in communications and her son is an undergraduate student.

1979

Wade Edmond is serving in his second principalship in the Broward County (Florida) School District.

Ed Herbert has been the vice president for communications and marketing at Mountains States Health Alliance (MSHA) since 1999. He earned his

private pilot license in 2004. A cancer survivor, he is still performing, singing and emceeding throughout the Johnson City, Tenn., region for MSHA and many annual events. He and his wife love to travel. His daughter is married and works as a high school choral director in the Cincinnati, Ohio area. She was expected to give birth to his first grandchild in September 2009.

Anthony Norris recently retired after seven back surgeries. He owns a hunting ranch in Harper, Tex.

1980

Ruth Allen has a private law practice in Raleigh, N.C., focusing on guardianship matters, estate planning, abuse/neglect/dependency court for juveniles and consumer bankruptcy. She loves being self-employed. She also works part-time for Legal Aid of North Carolina. Daughter Cami is a high school junior and enjoys riding her horse.

Shirley Ambrister Carpenter transferred to the new Blount County elementary school, Union Grove Elementary in Friendsville, Tenn. She enjoys teaching kindergarten.

Carol Cooper Evans has moved back to Maryville, Tenn., after spending several years abroad. She is a preschool teacher at Maryville Christian School.

1981

Katherine Culpepper currently serves as interim pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Allegan, Mich.

Jim Engel and wife Laura have a son attending Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C., and a daughter attending the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. Three other children are still at home in Cornelius, N.C.

Sandy Rabun-Lind's son is in the Navy and her daughter is a sophomore at Maryville College. Sandy is still teaching at Eau Gallie High School (Florida) while her husband is retired.

Ben Stabley, III and family are celebrating 10 years in the Lancaster, Pa., area. They are active in church, at the bookstore and various music ministries. His church band has opened for Michael Sweet (Stryper) and Seventh Day Slumber. He also plays in a classic rock band out of Reading, while his son plays bass for a local rock band.

1982

John Sanders was recognized by the Medical University of South Carolina Department of Health Administration and Policy with the Alumni Achievement Award for both 2007 and 2008.

1984

Alan Rich is a chemist with ongoing studies in aerospace engineering pertaining to spaceflight and interplanetary robotics with NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory at the California Institute of Technology. He is currently a member of a technical public education program operated by NASA-JPL with responsibilities that include interfacing with news media and public groups. Current interests focus on the development of new and hybrid propulsion engines for ground-to-ground and Earth-to-orbit payloads and high efficiency technologies for spaceflight mission operations. Other interests include aerospace spin-off technologies for automotive and industrial vehicle applications.

Laurie Winiarski is working as an account manager at Atrion Communication Resources in Branchburg, N.J.

1985

Steve Saylor enjoys working as a commercial sales representative for Fitness Resource. He lives on 12 acres on the Pedlar River in Amherst County, Va. Most of his spare time is spent whitewater kayaking. He has re-connected with many MC friends on Facebook and encourages others to look him up.

1986

Penny Head recently accepted a position as assistant professor of physical therapy at Arkansas State University.

1987

Christopher Lilley is happy to report that he earned his master's degree in May 2009 from Georgia Tech.

Laura Starkey is director of conservation land management and ranch operations at her family's ranch near Tampa, Fla. She is also executive director of SCENIC, a non-profit organization created to engage the community with the natural environment.

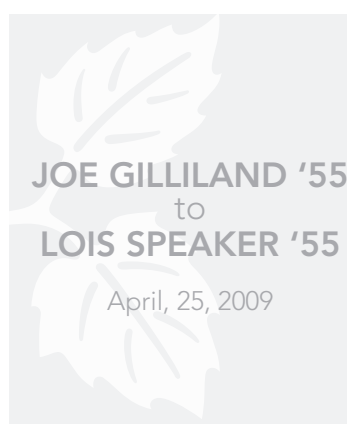
1988

Karla Beard Heidelberg participated in "Extreme 2008: A Deep-Sea Adventure," a National Science Foundation expedition to explore deep-sea hydrothermal vents in the Pacific Ocean and the Sea of Cortés during the fall of 2008. She was part of a research team of scientists and graduate students who lived aboard the 274-foot research vessel *Atlantis*.

Sherri L. Jones joined King College in 2009 as assistant professor of athletic training and curriculum program director.

1989

On Dec. 6, 2008, **Dean Walsh**, women's basketball coach at Carson-Newman College, celebrated his 250th career win. Walsh is currently in his eighth season at the helm of the Lady Eagles' program; he coached the Maryville College women's team from 1998 until 2001.



1990

Timothy Van Beke is assistant professor of art at Siena Heights University in Adrian, Mich.

1991

Mark Smelser has been appointed executive director of Friends In Need, a non-profit medical and dental health care center that provides care for the working uninsured in Kingsport, Tenn. He also completed his second Boston Marathon, which is his fifth marathon since he started running and lost 80 pounds in the fall of 2006.

1996

Kristin Kant recently received her Ph.D. in cultural anthropology from the University of Kentucky. **Eisha Neely Prather** earned a



MARRIAGES & UNIONS

Leslie Everett '09
to Nathaniel Milligan
June 20, 2009

Joe McGroom '09
to Erica Underwood
May 23, 2009

Elizabeth Villasana '09
to Chad Loveday
June 20, 2009



Donna Franklin Davis '83 recently received the President's Excellence in Teaching Award from Texas Tech University at Faculty Honors Convocation. She is associate professor in the Rawls College of Business marketing department.



BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

Stephanie Fugate Teague '95
& husband Kirby, a daughter,
Anna Ezelle, Dec. 29, 2008

Kara Buechele Alexander '98
& husband Michael, a son,
Hunter John, March 31, 2009

Angie Lewis Chidester '98
& husband Jason, a daughter,
Shelby Lee, Dec. 29, 2008

Kristen Arwood Toth '99
& husband Martin, a son,
Robert Preston, May 21, 2008

James "Tripp" York '99
& wife Carmon, a daughter,
Carlyn Grace, Nov. 5, 2008

Elizabeth Moore Anderson '00
& husband Nathan '00,
a daughter, Ada Kathryn,
July 28, 2008

Whitney Black Dee '00
& husband Jonathan, a son,
Ephraim Daniel, May 12, 2009

Tyrel "TJ" Emory '00
& wife Amanda, a daughter,
Katy Trinity, Nov. 20, 2008

Linzy Brakefield Goswami '00
& husband Rohit, a daughter,
Anamaia Kaye, April 17, 2008

Brian Nix '00
& **Brooke Ledbetter Nix '00,**
a son, Griffin Maxle,
March 13, 2009

Clay Taylor '00
& wife Stacey, a son,
Austin, Dec. 13, 2007

Carol Bailey Villaverde '00
& husband Patrick, a son,
Owen James, Jan. 24, 2009

Susan Wagner '00 was one of five Tennessee teachers who received the 2008 Award of Recognition for Outstanding Teachings of the Humanities. She has taught third through fifth grades in her eight years of teaching.

master's degree in library and information science from Simmons College and works in the division of rare and manuscripts collections at Cornell University Library.

Laura Culp Tansill called the College to report that her parents were killed in a car accident on Feb. 27, 2009.

1997

Jennifer Buck Wallace joined the staff of the Tennessee Democratic Party as full-time director of operations. As the Tennessee field director for Obama for America, she organized thousands of volunteers across the state.

1998

Alice Wong is the associate director of FCLI and associate director of international conferences for Fordham Law School, where she collaborates on financial administration, programming and CLE curriculum. She is currently an executive member of OneBrick and previously served on the board of directors for APEX.

1999

James "Tripp" York opened his own community-based pharmacy, Bedford Drug in Shelbyville, Tenn., in July 2008.

Chris McCarty '01 has been appointed to a leadership position by the American Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division. From 2009-2010, Chris will serve as a public service project team member and aid the ABA in its public service efforts throughout the United States.

2000

Linzy Brakefield Goswami

completed a master's of science degree in civil/environmental engineering at Auburn University in February 2008. She is currently working for the U.S. Geological Survey in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., as an engineer/hydrogeologist. Her current research involves variable-density flow and transport and numerical modeling of surface and ground water systems.

Jenny Hyatt is working in India as a manager in training and organizational development for American Home Mortgage Servicing.

Laura Murphy Krysinsky is working for the U.S. Forest Service in New Ellenton, S.C. She maintains a Short Rotation Woody Crop plantation with a specialized focus on using trees for bio-fuel and bio-mass research.

Jennifer Fowler Millsaps is the forensic expert for the State of Tennessee in the trials of four individuals accused in the 2007 carjacking, raping, robbing and killing of Knoxville couple Chris Newsom and Channon Christian.

Brian Nix is a teacher and defensive coordinator at Alcoa (Tenn.) High School. In 2008, the school won its fifth consecutive 2A football championship – a record for the state of Tennessee.

Nick Phillips earned his M.D./Ph.D. in biomedical engineering and imaging in May 2009 from the University of Tennessee at Memphis. He was awarded the American Academy of Neurology medical student prize for excellence in neurology. He plans to stay in Memphis to continue his training in a combined research

residency program in pediatric neurology at UT and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Clay Taylor is the regional state manager for the Southeast U.S. for Auto Crane Company.

Jacqueline Thomas and husband Scott live near Miami, Fla. She graduated from medical school and completed three years of surgery residency. She switched into a dermatology residency and started her second year in July 2009.

2001

David K. Giles received a Ph.D. in biomedical science with a concentration in microbiology from East Tennessee State University in 2008. He trained at Medical College of Georgia before moving with the lab to the University of Texas at Austin. Current research involves examination of phospholipid modifications in *Vibrio cholerae*.

2002

Jeremy Baucom was recently promoted to marketing manager at Kaspersky Lab's global headquarters in Moscow, Russia.

Sheree Darnell is currently employed by the Anderson County Law Director's Office in Clinton, Tenn., and is on the board of directors for community mediation services.

Brenda Gadd is working for the Governor's administration as a legislative liaison for the Department of Environment and Conservation in the Tennessee General Assembly. She plans to begin law school in 2010.

Joshua Kinnetz teaches social studies and coaches the girls' varsity soccer team at a high school in a suburb of Washington, D.C. He plans to enroll in a Ph.D. program in sports psychology in the near future.

Mary Eva Merrell Martin is the owner and operator of



Jason Khodadad '03 was honored with a "40 under 40" award from *In Business Magazine* in Madison, Wis.

Patchwork County, a childcare provider for families with special needs. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in social work at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

Danielle Thomas completed her residency in internal medicine in June 2009 and started a fellowship in pulmonary/critical care in Tampa, Fla., in July 2009.

Eric Weatherbee has been promoted to controller at Fort Sanders Sevier Medical Center in Sevierville, Tenn.

2003

David Kirkland is pursuing on a master's degree in business administration at Milligan College (Tenn.). Expected graduation date is Sept. 2010.

Jessica Seifert Underwood is enrolled in Lincoln Memorial University's post-baccalaureate teacher licensure program and master's of education program for secondary education in Knoxville, Tenn.

Melinda Roberts York is working at the University of Southern Indiana as an assistant professor of criminal justice.

2004

Jennifer Beasley Brock is teaching 6th grade math at Riceville Elementary in Riceville, Tenn. Husband **Alan Brock** graduated from the University of Tennessee's Dental School in May 2008 and owns a practice in Athens, Tenn.

Carrie Crain earned a master's of science degree in counseling from the University of Tennessee in May 2007. She is a school counselor at Pi Beta Phi Elementary School in Gatlinburg, Tenn.

Darren Dachelet earned a master's degree in structural engineering from Auburn University in August 2008. He works at a structural engineering firm in Birmingham, Ala.

Kelly Ballard Greene earned dual certification as a pediatric and neonatal nurse practitioner from the University of Tennessee (UT) in Knoxville. She currently works as a neonatal nurse practitioner at UT Medical Center.

Lydia Edrington Harmon is a certified sign language interpreter, freelancing in Maryville and Knoxville, Tenn. Husband **Derrick Harmon '06** is an adult education teacher with Blount County Schools.

William Johnson graduated with honors, earning a M.D. from UT's Health Science Center College of Medicine (Memphis) in May 2009.

Lori Brown Presley has completed the requirements for the doctor of physical therapy degree from the Medical College of Georgia. She is the clinic director for Pro Therapy in Demorest, Ga.

Michael D. Rickman, II is working as the sign language interpreter/teacher of the deaf in Newton Public Schools in Newton, Mass.

Abby Guider Thomas was hired for the 2008-2009 school year as one of the inaugural teachers at William Blount High School's first freshman academy.

Michael Werner, II is enjoying a successful career with ADT as a security analysis provider in Middle and Eastern Tennessee.

2005

Jean-Marie Donahoo is pursuing a master's degree in public health (health policy) at Saint Louis University.

Jeffrey "Blair" King was selected as a Head Start Body Start physical activity consultant through the American Association of Health Physical

Education Recreation and Dance for the National Center for Physical Development and Outdoor Play. He and wife Ashley were both baptized in May 2008.

Jacqueline Reed will complete a master's of science degree in program evaluation and research psychology in March 2010, followed by her Ph.D. in research and evaluation psychology in 2012. She hopes to begin teaching undergraduate psychology following commencement this spring.

Kyla Surdyka graduated with a master's degree from Western Kentucky University in 2009. She works at Vanderbilt University Medical Center researching Autism Spectrum Disorders.

2006

Georgia Lynn Copeland has been awarded a 2009-10 Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship for studies abroad (Spain).

Shelley Lawson is the coordinator and lead interpreter for the disability support services department at Pensacola Junior College in Pensacola, Fla.

Shelley Schumacher moved to Cookeville, Tenn., in the summer of 2009 to begin working as a certified nurse-midwife after graduating from Vanderbilt University with her master's degree in nursing in December 2008.

2007

Ashley Shattuck Dyer is working as a neonatal intensive care unit nurse at Jackson Madison County General Hospital in Jackson, Tenn. She graduated in December 2008 with her bachelor's degree in nursing from Union University.

Amanda Estes was hired in June of 2009 as the Lady Governors' new softball coach at William Blount High School in Maryville, Tenn.



BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

Teresa Dibble Hicks '01
& husband Scott, a son,
William Oliver, Jan. 21, 2008

Mark & Elisha Giles Rogers '01,
a son, William Brodie,
March 24, 2009

Dorothy Mackey Spaulding '01
& husband Timothy, a daughter,
Charlotte Joan, June 12, 2009

Chris Smelcer '02
& wife Ginger, a daughter,
Leah Brooklyn, Dec. 11, 2008

Jason Khodadad '03
& wife **Anne Cocalis-Khodadad '03**,
a son, Wilson Daniel, April 11, 2007
& a daughter,
Lola June, Sept. 2, 2008

Jessie Melton Kinsey '03
& husband Paul, a son,
Henry Blake, Aug. 21, 2007

LeeAnn Godbey Taylor '03
& husband Chuck, a daughter,
Salem Zannah, June 8, 2009

Amanda Winn Painter '04
& husband Kevin, a daughter,
Lila Katherine, Oct. 13, 2009

Mandon Gibson McCarter '04 received the 2008-2009 Teacher of the Year Award at Northview Primary School in Seymour, Tenn.

Michael Isaacs '06 received the Hudnut Award at Union Theological Seminary's May 2009 commencement. This award is given to a student who, by the judgment faculty, has the best preparation for the preaching ministry.



BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

CHRISTIE LATIMER KNAPPER '04
& husband
WADE KNAPPER '05,
a son,
Joel Garrison

May 24, 2009



Ashley Patterson Powell '04
& husband Brad, a son,
Tyler Bradley, Feb. 11, 2009

Erica Greene Smith '04
& husband Matt, a son,
Mattox Lee, May 6, 2008

Jeffrey "Blair" King '05
& wife Ashley, a son,
Payton Blair, Jan. 30, 2008

Jennifer Wilson Starritt '05
& husband Chuck, a daughter,
Elizabeth Nicole, Feb. 16, 2009

Heather Gragg Bain '06
& husband Todd, a son,
Briar, Feb. 21, 2008

Marian Mitchell Critzer '06
& husband, a son,
Trenton, July 20, 2008

Sarah Richardson Weaver '06
& husband Logan, a daughter,
Blaine Reeanna, June 8, 2009

Cheyenne Surrette Ferree '07
& husband Jonathan, a son,
Broedy Slade, May 19, 2009

Clement Giraneza is pursuing a master's degree in public health at Florida Atlantic University.

Eric Metz is pursuing a master's degree in healthcare administration at the University of Memphis.

surgical unit at Parkwest Medical Center in Knoxville, Tenn.

Aaron Walker has returned to Maryville, Tenn., where he works at Maryville Middle School as a physical education teacher.

2008

Reuben Liebe has taken a position as an Americorps VISTA volunteer for a watershed non-profit in Southeast Kentucky. He is working on water quality issues in Letcher County, writing grants and organizing other environmental events.

April Martin moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where she is pursuing a master's degree in vocal performance at the Cleveland Institute of Music.

Motoyoshi Miyazaki has been accepted to medical school in Japan.

Kerri Onks earned a nursing degree from Lincoln Memorial University's Nursing School. She currently works as a registered nurse in the cardiovascular

Josh Phillips has been promoted to president of Pyxl, a marketing services firm in Knoxville, Tenn.

Amanda Sparrow recently started working at The Nature Conservancy in Lexington, Ky., as major gifts manager.

Nicci Williamson has been working as milieu staff at Johnson Group Home in Maryville, Tenn. She also directed a play, "Same Time, Next Year" for the Foothills Community Players.

2009

Molly Sneary is working as a field organizer in Knoxville, Tenn., for Repower America, a program run by Al Gore's non-profit organization, the Alliance for Climate Protection.

Gabriel Turner has settled in Lomé, Togo. He is teaching sixth through ninth grade English at Arc en Ciel.



Lizbeth Opiola '98 recently graduated from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (EPFL), in Lausanne, Switzerland, earning a graduate degree in sports marketing and management.

In September, Opiola, who majored in sign language interpreting at MC, began a one-year position as an analyst/policy advisor for the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (Deaflympics). She is working with an all-Deaf staff in the organization's Lausanne office. The next winter games for the Deaflympics' is scheduled for 2011 in Slovenia.



CLASSnotes MEMORIAMs



BOYDSON BAIRD '41, Jan. 24, 2010, in Maryville. He was hired in 1959 to be MC's athletics director, head football coach and assistant professor of physical education. He coached all major sports during his 17-year tenure and was instrumental in the construction of a new physical education building (now known as Cooper Athletic Center).

He was inducted into Maryville College's Wall of Fame in 1978 and served on the Wall of Fame's selection committee for several years. He was also an active member of the College's Blount County Alumni Chapter.

In the early 1990s, the College named the basketball courts in his honor and in 2001, it presented Baird with the Maryville College Medallion. Survivors include children, **Faith Baird Carpenter '72** and husband Kyle; Weldon Baird; Annie Baird Frick and husband Jay; seven grandchildren; two sisters-in-law; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations may be made to the Maryville College Athletic Department, 502 E. Lamar Alexander Parkway, Maryville, TN 37804.

1929

HARRY FELL

Dec. 22, 2007, in West Chester, Pa.

1930

EDWARD "BRUTE" CROW

Dec. 13, 2008, in Alcoa, Tenn. Survivors include one son, four grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

1931

EDITH OLSON FAIRMAN

Jan. 17, 2009, in Garrettsville, Ohio. Survivors include son **Thomas Fairman '62** and daughter-in-law **Roberta Jean Dick Fairman '64**.

1932

RUTH AMANDA DAVIS

May 25, 2009, in Chattanooga, Tenn. Survivors include a nephew, a niece and several cousins.

ELIZABETH WILBAR LATONA

April 28, 2009, in Newton, Mass., due to complications from Alzheimer's disease. Survivors include four children, 15 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and brother **Raymond J. Wilbar '36**.

1934

ELLA KILGORE BOTTS

April 11, 2009, in Fort Pierce, Fla.

CLIFFORD WITHERS WALKER

May 29, 2009, in Signal Mountain, Tenn.

Survivors include two sons, five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

1935

FRANCES DEAL HEWITT

April 29, 2009, in Martinsville, Va. Survivors include two sons, four grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

ERNEST LOWE

March 1, 2009, in Maryville, Tenn.

Survivors include one daughter, one son, several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

JAMES STEVENSON

July 7, 2009, in Jonesboro, Ark. He was dean emeritus of the College of Science at Arkansas State University and a talented musician. Survivors include his wife, two daughters, including MC professor **Mary Kay Sullivan**, five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

JENNIE MILDRED TRUAN

Jan 17, 2009, in Knoxville, Tenn. Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

1936

CHARLOTTE UPP LAMPE JOHNSON

Feb. 22, 2009, in Black Mountain, N.C. She is survived by three children, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

ARTHUR ZITZNER

July 13, 2009, in West Orange, N.J.

1937

AGNES GODDARD COMPTON

Aug. 31, 2009, in Maryville, Tenn. She is survived by her daughter, grandchildren, step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

1938

ANNA MAE JUSTUS CLINE

Jan. 29, 2009, in Polk City, Fla. Survivors include four children.

MINNIE-LOU CHITTICK LYNCH

Dec. 18, 2008, in Oakdale, La. Survivors include two children, a brother, five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and cousin **Ruth Cox '36**.

1939

SAMUEL K. TAYLOR JR.

Feb. 21, 2009, in Whitesburg, Tenn. Survivors include his wife, four children, nine grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

1940

JOHN NEWMAN BADGETT, JR.

May 31, 2009, in Knoxville, Tenn. Survivors include his wife, three children, six grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, a sister-in-law and two sisters, including **Elizabeth Badgett Cox '42**.



LEE CONGLETON, Oct. 1, 2009, in Knoxville, Tenn. He was a member of the Maryville College Board of Directors from Oct. 1997 until Oct. 2006 and served on the finance and advancement committees. Survivors include his wife, three children and their families and one brother.



MARGARET DAVIS, widow of MC Coach **J.D. Davis '30**, Dec. 10, 2008, in Maryville, Tenn. Survivors include son **J. Dillon Davis '79**, daughter-in-law Pamela and two grandsons, including **Matthew Davis '13**.



VERA WILSON GILMORE '70, Sept. 28, 2009, in Maryville, Tenn. She was employed by the College from Sept. 1, 1976 until Dec. 31, 1986 as independent study editor and circulation librarian. Survivors include her six children, including **David Gilmore '61**, **Sylvia Gilmore Jefferies '63**, **Charles Gilmore '67**, **Donald Gilmore '70**, **Daniel Gilmore '73**, **Stephen Gilmore '73**; daughter-in-law **Elsie Harris Gilmore '62** and son-in-law **Bob Jefferies '63**; two siblings and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

PHILIP MARTIN FERRIS
May 9, 2008, in Hillsboro, Ohio. Survivors include brother **John Ferris '50**.

MARY ORR KIDDER
Dec. 15, 2008, in Hackettstown, N.J. She was the daughter of **Dr. Horace E. Orr**, longtime MC philosophy and Bible professor. Survivors include husband **David H. Kidder '42**, three children, seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and sisters **Mildred Orr Potter '48** and **Ruth Orr Allen '55**.

ROY RANKIN
Oct. 20, 2009, in White Pine, Tenn. Survivors include wife **Marguerite Justus Rankin '39**; three children, including **Marilyn Rankin Clark '67**, **Carol Jean Rankin '74**, **Nancy Rankin Smith '72** and husband **Richard Smith '69**; six grandchildren and one great-grandson.

1942

DOROTHY BUCHANAN HENDERSON
Dec 4, 2008, in Harrisonburg, Va. Survivors include three children, two grandchildren, one sister and one brother.

JOHN H. HOELZER
June 23, 2009, in Gatlinburg, Tenn. Survivors include wife **Catherine Hoelzer '44**, three children, two grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

1943

PATRICIA CARTER GRYGOTIS
Oct. 22, 2008, in Toms River, N.J. Survivors

include three children and their families.

EVELYN WILLIAMS McDANIEL
Dec. 31, 2008, in Maryville, Tenn. She was a lifelong member of First Baptist Church Maryville. She is survived by two daughters and their families.

1944

HELEN "PEGGY" FISHER DILLENER
April 10, 2009, in Warsaw, N.Y. of complications after a fall earlier in the year. Survivors include three daughters and a son.

ALICE MATTHEWS NEILL
July 17, 2009, in Norwich, N.Y. Survivors include a brother, four sons and one grandchild.

1946

LUCILLE ELIZABETH SITLER BROCK
Dec. 16, 2008, in Indianapolis, Ind. Survivors include brother **William Sitler '53**.

1947

CHARLES BRAND
Oct. 26, 2009, in Green Bay, Wis. He was a professor at Wittenberg University in Ohio before becoming a pharmaceutical sales representative with Pfizer, Inc. Survivors include wife Roberta; two sons, including **Ric Brand '84**, director of financial aid at MC; a daughter and their families.

1948

WILLIAM O. LARGEN
May 13, 2009, in Naples, Fla. He was an

educator and coach in the Maryville City School System for most of his career. He retired as principal of Maryville Junior High. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, **Edith DeLaney Largen**, who taught in MC's physical education department for more than 35 years.

SAMUEL HEYWOOD PEMBERTON
March 17, 2009, in Olympia, Wash. He enjoyed a career in the United States Army and pursued a career in hospital administration, as well. He received a master's degree from Baylor University in 1963 and worked for the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals for 20 years. Survivors include wife **Lisette Gessert Pemberton '45**, brother **Olson Pemberton '43**, a son, a daughter, two grandchildren and great-niece **Elizabeth Pemberton de Oliveira '06**.

HAYDN O. WHITE
Dec. 9, 2008, in Peoria, Ariz. Survivors include wife Phyllis, four children, nephew **Dale White '73** and niece **Ruth Ann White Tensi '48**.

1950

DONALD RAY McCAMMON
May 26, 2009, in Louisville, Tenn. Survivors include his wife, stepsons and a granddaughter.

1951

GLENN GAGE
April 25, 2009, in Pennsville, N.J. Survivors include wife Dorothy, two sons, one brother, seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.



CONNIE OVERHOLT,

Feb. 1, 2009, in Maryville, Tenn. She was employed by the College from Nov. 7, 1997 until Aug. 6, 2007 as a secretary in the Humanities department. Survivors include husband Lonas, children **Sarah Overholt Stinnett '00** and **Laura Overholt '03**, parents and two siblings and their families.

1952

BRANIN BOYD

Nov. 23, 2008, in Malvern, Pa. Survivors include wife **Jessie Dye Boyd '52**; two sons and their families; two sisters, including **Joyce Boyd Fort '58**; brother-in-law **David Dye '66** and sister-in-law **Margaret Mahon Dye '67**.

BOB KEES

April 13, 2008, in Newland, N.C. Survivors include wife Hazel Wood Kees; five children, including **Debra Kees Worden '77** and **Deanea Kees Vivola '80**; brother **Thomas Kees '51**; and niece **Barbara Kees '79**.

FLETCHER TARPLEY POOLE

May 6, 2009, in Lilburn, Ga. Survivors include wife Ann, two children and their families.

1953

CAROLYN SYMMES BRACE

March 1, 2009, in Roanoke, Va.

JEANNETTE WHITAKER DUMAS

Dec. 28, 2008, in Knoxville, Tenn. Survivors include husband Alexander, son, son-in-law, step-daughter, granddaughter and several cousins.

1954

WALTER ELWOOD

Feb. 4, 2009, in Middletown, Conn. Survivors include two children.

1955

DIANA EVANS ENGLAND

May 26, 2009, in Richmond, Va. Survivors

JOHN MCQUEEN '34, Oct. 24, 2009, in Lynchburg, Va. He earned a degree from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary following his time at Maryville. An ordained minister, his service to the Presbyterian Church (USA) spanned more than six decades. He served five churches in Kentucky, Mississippi and Alabama and sent several parishioners to Maryville College. An honored alumnus of LPTS, McQueen was presented Maryville College's Distinguished Service Award in 1999. Survivors include a daughter, five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Maryville College.



include husband **Marshall England '54** and several extended family members.

SNELL MILLS JR.

June 27, 2009, in Inverness, Fla., after a sudden illness. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Alabama in 1965 and worked in the field of education for 30 years. Survivors include wife Olivia Vawter Mills, his mother, a daughter, son **Snell Mills III '79**, an aunt and several nieces and nephews.

1956

HARRELL R. COULTER

May 27, 2009, in Maryville, Tenn. Survivors include wife Mary, daughter, stepchildren, grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

RAY EDWIN ROBINSON

March 21, 2009, in Walland, Tenn., as a result of a traffic accident. Survivors include wife **Jane Robinson '57**, three sisters, two daughters and their families.

1957

GRACE "SAN" ROBERTS NORTON

Oct. 7, 2009, in Dillard, Ga. Survivors include four children, grandchildren, a nephew and a sister.

1958

DON OWENBY

Dec. 10, 2008, in Chattanooga, Tenn. Survivors include his wife, two children and their families and several siblings.

FREDRICK SANNER

Feb. 17, 2009, in Virginia Beach, Va. Survivors include two sons, a brother, a grandson and three nephews.

JOHN MARTIN "J.M." WEST, SR.

Aug. 11, 2009, in Maryville, Tenn. Survivors include two sons; four grandchildren, including **John "Jed" West '06**; and brother **David West '62**.

LOIS MUSICK ZITZELBERGER

July 31, 2009, in Midland, Ga. Survivors include husband John, daughter, two sons, sister, brother, four grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

1959

C. EUGENE "GENE" BROWN

March 12, 2009, in Maryville, Tenn. Survivors include his former wife, son, daughter, grandchildren, sister and several nieces and nephews.

1960

LESSIE ANNE RHODES

Jan. 14, 2009, in Chapel Hill, N.C. Survivors include her husband, two children, stepchildren, mother, sisters, grandchild and step-grandchildren.

1961

DAVID DOYSCHER

Feb. 2, 2009, in Forest Lake, Minn. Survivors include his wife, two daughters, two grandchildren and siblings.



RALPH "DOUG" STEAKLEY '41, June 14, 2009, in Melborne, Fla. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross after piloting a Superfortress B-29 bomber ("Tokyo Rose") over Tokyo in 1944 in a reconnaissance flight that resulted in more than 700 photographs of potential targets for bombing. After logging 2,500 hours in the air during World War II, he joined Pan American Airlines, but was recalled to the newly established United States Air Force in 1947. A staff position at the Pentagon soon followed. Responsible for reconnaissance and intelligence with the Joint Chiefs of Staff, he was involved in the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Pueblo Incident and the 1967 attack of the Liberty, a U.S. Navy spy ship. He retired from the military in 1970 as brigadier general. Survivors include his wife Mary, three sons, two grandchildren and brother **Wiley Steakley '36**.

RONALD "YOGI" WILSON, March 10, 2009, in Maryville, Tenn. He served as the College's wrestling club assistant coach in 2006 and interim co-head coach of the women's basketball team in 2008. Survivors include his wife, son, step-daughter, two siblings and several grandchildren and step-grandchildren.

1962

VIRGINIA PRATT CASL

Sept. 23, 2009, in Sacramento, Calif. Survivors include two children, nephew **Eric Bollman '88** and four sisters, including **Louise Pratt Bollman '59**.

LOIS LOCKETT RAGSDALE

March 21, 2009, in Winston Salem, N.C. Survivors include her husband, two children, two grandchildren, uncle and many cousins.

LYNN WADDINGTON

Oct. 31, 2009, in Whidbey Island, Wash. Survivors include life partner Margaret, daughter, granddaughter and siblings.

1966

JERRY McNABB

Aug. 25, 2009, in Loudon, Tenn. Survivors include an aunt and a cousin.

1967

JAMES BRECKENRIDGE

March 27, 2009, in Weatherford, Okla. Survivors include his sister, nieces and nephews.

THOMAS LLEWELLYN

Feb. 16, 2009, in Dallas, Tex. Survivors include mother **Billie McCoy Llewellyn '36** and two brothers.

MARTY LOWE RICHESIN

Aug. 19, 2009, in Cape Coral, Fla. Survivors include a son and cousin **Ibbie Jack Muntz '67**.

1971

TERRY COX

Jan. 16, 2009, in Powell, Tenn. Survivors include his wife, four children, granddaughter, mother and brother.

1976

CHARLES "CHUCK" WATTERSON

Jan. 30, 2009, in Churchville, Pa. Survivors include his wife, mother, son, brother and several nieces and nephews.

1977

ROBERT KOSKY

July 13, 2009, in San Antonio, Tex. Survivors include wife **Veronica Sawdon Kosky '77** and two children.

1979

M. LYNN ROGERS-CARL

Aug. 3, 2009, in Knoxville, Tenn., after a battle with ovarian cancer. Survivors include husband **Rick Carl '79**, son, parents, brother, sister and several nieces and nephews.

1980

JACK GRANTHAM

Sept. 2, 2009, in Knoxville, Tenn. Survivors include his wife, children and their families.

1984

JOEL CHESSE

Sept. 24, 2009, in Knoxville, Tenn. Survivors include his wife, sons, father, sister and several nieces and nephews.

1992

GERALD PINK

March 17, 2008, in Slippery Rock, Pa., after a two-year battle with pancreatic cancer. Survivors include his wife and stepchildren.

1993

MARY KATHRYN "KATHY" JARRARD

Oct. 22, 2009, in Maryville, Tenn. Survivors include her mother, grandmother and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

2005

JAMIE ARCHER ROBERTS

Oct. 13, 2008, in Orlando, Fla. Survivors include husband **Ryan Roberts '05**.

2009

RUSS HARRIS

Oct. 7, 2009, in Sarasota, Fla., while snorkeling. Russ had been interning at Florida West Scuba School in Venice, working toward dive master scuba certification. Survivors include his parents, two stepbrothers and two stepsisters.

PRESIDENTIAL RETIREMENT NEWS

Fund Established in Honor of President Gibson

As **Dr. Dorsey D. "Dan" Ellis '60**, chairman of Maryville College's Board of Directors, concluded his remarks at the College's annual Founder's Day dinner on Oct. 15, 2009, he asked both President Gerald W. Gibson and wife Rachel Gibson to step forward for a surprise special announcement.

Ellis shared with banquet attendees that the Board's Advancement Committee had recommended to the full governing body that a new endowed fund be set up to honor Gibson's service at Maryville College, as well as his commitment to professional development for faculty and staff throughout his tenure.

At the banquet, Ellis reported that the Gerald W. Gibson Professional Development Fund would provide on-going annual funds to be awarded to individuals or groups to support projects that either enhance the College's existing programs of distinction or contribute to the development of revolutionary programs or procedures that further enrich the college. Proposals for grants to cover release time, travel and conference fees, program start-up costs, etc., would be considered.

"We thought this would be a great way to honor Gerald while insuring that his legacy continues to help develop current and future faculty and staff," stated **Dr. Ken Tuck '54**, chair of the Advancement Committee. "To review this possibility, we formed a special task force that included representatives from the faculty, staff, student body and

the community. All believed that this fund would be very appropriate."

Ellis said the Board "enthusiastically embraced this creative concept."

"Gerald's leadership has made a dramatic difference to this College over the last 17 years, and we wanted to honor him in a manner that would continue his legacy," Ellis said.

People who would like to contribute to The Gerald W. Gibson Professional Development

Fund are asked to call the Advancement Office at 865.273.8884 or email holly.ludlow@maryvillecollege.edu.

Checks should be mailed to: Advancement Office, Maryville College, 502 E. Lamar Alexander Parkway, Maryville, TN 37804. Simply write "Gibson Development Fund" on the memo line of the check.



Dr. Dorsey D. "Dan" Ellis '60 announces the establishment of the Gerald W. Gibson Professional Development Fund.

RECEPTIONS *Hosted and Planned* TO HONOR GIBSONS

The College has planned numerous receptions, dinners and other gatherings to give constituents an opportunity to say "best wishes" and "thank you" to President Gerald Gibson and wife Rachel Gibson.

A "Celebration of Service" gathering was held Oct. 17 as a part of Homecoming activities, and during the Maryville College Alumni Association's annual meeting and reception that weekend, the Gibsons were recognized with honorary association memberships.

Jim and Natalie Haslam hosted a cocktail reception in their Knoxville home Oct. 29 that was attended by approximately 60 people.

On Jan. 7, **Dr. William DeWeese '64** and wife Martha hosted a reception and dinner at Avila Golf and Country Club in Tampa, where more than 20 alumni and friends from South Florida came out to see the Gibsons.

A gathering at Biltmore Estate in Asheville, N.C., is planned for March 13 in conjunction with the 2010 Choir Tour (see page 10), and a reception will be held March 16 at the United States Botanic Garden in Washington, D.C.

Events are also being planned this spring for Nashville, Birmingham, Ala., and Columbus, Ohio.

The public will be invited to view the new presidential portrait painted by Dr. Carl Gombert, professor of art, in late April.

Please watch the MC web site and your mailbox for details.



ABOVE: More than 20 alumni and friends from South Florida turned out for a dinner hosted by **Dr. William DeWeese '64** and wife Martha to honor the Gibsons. LEFT: Jim and Natalie Haslam hosted a cocktail reception in their Knoxville home.



Well Wishes
FOR THE GIBSONS

Put it in writing!

Can't go to a reception or make it to campus before President Gibson retires? Put your well wishes, thanks and memories in writing!

Fill out the perforated card located in front of this page and mail it back to the College before April 30. It will be included in a memory book that will be presented to the Gibsons this spring.

If you have questions, contact **Diana Canacaris '02**, director of stewardship and alumni board relations, at **865.981.8198** or diana.canacaris@maryvillecollege.edu



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MC WELCOMES DR. BOGART!

On Feb. 4, the Maryville College Board of Directors announced that Dr. William T. "Tom" Bogart, dean of academic affairs and professor of economics at York College of Pennsylvania, will be the institution's 11th president. He will assume his new duties on campus July 1.

MC alumni, parents and friends will have an opportunity to meet Dr. Bogart and his family after he takes office. For details regarding that event, watch the MC web site and your mailbox.

WELCOME TO MC!

